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## FIGHTING AGAIN.

### NORTHERN COUNTER ATTACK.

#### MAKING HEADWAY.

#### Chang Tso-lin Again Takes A Hand.

#### ACTION ON PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

That the Northerners have, after a long retreat, counter-attacked the Nationalist allies is indicated in a series of messages received to-day and over the week-end.

Fighting seems to have been heaviest on the western sector, along the Peking-Hankow Railway where the Southerners have been pushed back. Before that, activity was confined to the centre. Subsequently, the Northerners are also believed to have struck on the eastern sector, along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

The Northerners claim to have succeeded so far. There is no confirmation from disinterested sources. But as the Nanking Nationalists are delayed in Shantung, it is feasible that the other Nationalist units have been checked during the last few days.

#### NATIONALIST DELAY.

The Wu-Han Nationalists are acting in a manner which points to their willingness to fight in the general Nationalist cause. The Kuomintang is stated to have been reversed. Today, it is definitely reported that the Nationalists of Wu-Han are sending large numbers of reinforcements to the front.

#### ON BOTH FLANKS.

#### Capture of Rifles and Field Guns.

Names of units and commanders and places where fighting has occurred are mentioned specifically in a series of reports from Tientsin and Shanghai which indicate that the Northerners have launched a counter-offensive on both flanks of the 100 miles front.

Successes for the Northerners are claimed, including the capture of 800 rifles and four guns from the Shansi Nationalists in one action. But it has to be borne in mind, however, that the news does not come from a disinterested source, but from the Northerners themselves.

#### Where the Front is.

Both along the Peking-Hankow and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways, the Northerners state that they have attacked and advanced, pushing back the Kuomintang (the army of the "Christian General") and the Shansi troops.

The Nationalists from Nanking have not been engaged as they have been held up in Shantung, following the clash at Tsian with the Japanese, and have, therefore, not reached the front in Chihli province, which is about 100 miles from Peking and 60 miles from Tientsin at the nearest points.

Hankow, Yesterday. Large bodies of Wu-Han Nationalist troops under the Kwangsi-ite, General Pei Chung-kai, are going up the Peking-Hankow Railway, ostensibly to the western sector.—British Navy Wireless.

#### North Claims A Victory.

Peking, Yesterday. It is reliably reported that there has been heavy fighting during the last few days on the Peking-Hankow Railway front.

It is officially reported that the Northern forces claim that two divisions launched an attack on May 25, which was successful and that after desperate fighting, the defeated Southerners retreated to Tingchow.

The Northern front line on this sector is now 20 li (6 miles) south of Wangtu.—Reuter.

#### Another Report.

Hankow, Saturday. The Kuomintang, which is the army of Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," is believed to have been defeated by the Northerners and to have withdrawn slightly down the Peking-Hankow Railway.

#### Movements at Hankow.

Rolling stock at this (the southern) end of the Peking-Hankow Railway is being commandeered, supposedly, to take to the northern front troops of General Pei Chung-kai, the Kwangsi-ite.

To the south of Hankow, the troops of the arrested General (Cheng Chien are giving trouble. The railway to Hankow from the south (bringing the northern section of the Canton-Hankow Railway) is reported to have been cut to prevent these Hunanese troops advancing on Hankow to their leader's aid.—British Naval Wireless.

#### AT TSINGTAO.

The General Who was Asked to Withdraw.

According to the "Kang Sheung Yat Po," the commander of the Chinese troops at Tsingtao who was requested by the Japanese Expeditionary Force to withdraw seven miles outside the port is General Lau Chee-luk, a Cantonese, who fought for the Northerners and was recently stated to have gone over to the Nationalists.

[Note: Earlier cables and reports will be found on column, parts will be found on page 3.]

#### BALKAN BICKERING.

#### MORE YUGO-SLAV-ITALIAN ANIMOSITY.

#### SERIOUS RIOTS.

Belgrade, Yesterday. Following the anti-Yugo-Slav demonstrations in Zara, Dalmatia, in which Italian Fascists insulted and burned Yugo-Slav flags, violent counter-demonstrations occurred at Sebenico, Spalato, Laidach and even at Belgrade.

The windows of Italian consulates at Sebenico and Spalato were broken.

The riots were serious at Sebenico, where the glass fronts of several Italian shops were smashed despite the efforts of the police and troops.—Reuter.

#### REMARKABLE CASE.

#### FLORENCE KNAPP GUILTY ON APPEAL.

#### SENTENCE POSTPONED.

Albany, Yesterday. Florence Knapp has been found "guilty" of grand larceny of the first degree of State Census Funds. Sentence has been postponed pending the restoration of her health, but the judge said that he intended to send her to prison.—Reuter's American Service.

London, May 26.—Dr. Abraham Flexner, the Director of studies of the general Education Board, when interviewed at Oxford, stated that he was resigning because he wished to be free to devote himself to writing on the general subject of American and European University Education. According to a New York telegram Dr. Flexner's brother states that there has been no disagreement between Abraham and the Rockefeller Trustees. His resignation has been accepted reluctantly.—Reuter.

## JAPAN AND LEAGUE.

### Note's Good Impression at Geneva.

#### BOYCOTT TALK.

Steps Taken at Canton, Wuchow and Swatow.

Geneva, Yesterday. Japan's note to the League of Nations explaining her action in Shantung has been received by the Secretariat and has, apparently, made a good impression.—Reuter.

"Anti-Nipponism." The executive committee of the anti-Japanese boycott association of Kwangtung has been formed, states a report from Canton. This is believed to be preparatory to an announcement of a scheme for severing intercourse with the Japanese but nothing tangible appears to have been done to intensify the present arrangements.

In Canton, the wholesale and retail dealers in foreign goods are said to have agreed to purchase no more stocks of Japanese goods, such as matches, etc.

A scheme is being drawn up at Swatow for boycotting the Japanese.

Lines along which incoming merchandise will be examined at Wuchow—for the purpose of keeping out all of Japanese origin—have been laid down, states the "Wah Keung Po."

#### NO CATCH.

#### AMERICAN MARATHON FAILS TO ATTRACT.

#### A PILEVENTURE.

New York, Yesterday. The transcontinental marathon organised by Mr. Pyle finished gloriously in Madison Square Garden, only one thousand paying to see the 55 survivors cover the last twenty of the 3422 miles.

Andy Payne (Oklahoma) was the winner, in 573 hours 4 mins. 34 seconds; then Salo (New Jersey) 588 hours 40 mins. 13 secs.; Granville (Ontario) 613 hours 42 mins. 30 seconds. Prizes respectively were \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000.—Reuter's American Service.

#### U.S. FARM RELIEF.

#### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S VETO TO STAND.

#### SENATE FAILS.

Washington, May 26. The Senate has failed in its attempt to pass the Farm Relief Bill over the head of the President, owing to the lack of the necessary two-thirds majority. Four Senators, who originally voted for the Bill, changed over. The Bill is thus dead for the session.—Reuter's American Service.

#### U.S. CONGRESS.

#### THE SENATE'S "FEW REMAINING HOURS."

Washington, Yesterday. Anxious to adjourn on Tuesday, the Senate by 44 to 22 votes decided not to discuss the 274 million dollar Naval Programme Bill, which thereby has been temporarily shelved.

An immense western irrigation project threatens to monopolise the few remaining hours of the present Congress, which re-assembles in December.—Reuter's American Service.

#### AGAIN REENTANGLED.

Athens, Yesterday. The political situation is again re-entangled owing to the presence in Parliament of a purely Venizelist party. Metaxas, fearing to create the impression that he had joined Venizelos, is endeavouring to secure the support of the Royalist Tsaldaris, but collaboration between the Royalists and Venizelists is not acceptable to either. Meanwhile, Cafandaris and Michalakopoulos can only stick to the Republican flag, hence the new impasse.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday. The House of Representatives have approved the report of the Congress Conference Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

## "FEMINA."

### Search For Elusive "Lady."

#### BLUFF—AND SILENCE.

More Letters, But Senior Morning Contemporary Keeps Quiet.

Organised efforts to discover the whereabouts of "Femina" over the week-end have not been productive of any definite result in that we have not yet been able to put our hands on the "lady." It has been discovered, however, that there is no need to look as far as the Peak Hotel for her.

As readers have no doubt observed, this morning's Press is singularly silent regarding the "China Mail's" revelations of Saturday last, when it was announced that "Femina"—or, as "she" signed herself (with a type-writer) "Mrs. R. Reynolds" was not to be found at the address given and was not indeed, known there by the management. Our junior morning contemporary publishes more "replies" but the "Daily Press" has nothing to say, not a single "reply" or even an attempted justification. Silence, perhaps, in the long run may prove of more value than bluff; that is their business.

The "China Mail" has to repeat that it has received no copies of the correspondence which has appeared in other papers with the exception of the "original" letter from the typewriter of "Femina"—or "Femina's" employers.

The correspondence, which has been received in this office on the subject, it is also repeated, is being, for the present at any rate, withheld, pending investigation. We ask those readers who have communicated with us on the matter to bear with us. We have reason to suspect the bona fides of some of the letters and do not wish to mislead our patrons as a whole by rushing into print with material which may have been composed with an ulterior motive.

#### The "Replies."

Regarding the "replies" published in our junior evening contemporary and the two morning papers, none of them have been addressed to the "China Mail" nor to the "Sunday Herald" which, possessing the largest circulation of any English newspapers in the Colony, might be expected to have been the recipient of at least a few. In Hong Kong, as we know full well, when a person writes to two or three papers he (or she) writes to the lot.

#### More Than A Hoax.

Another consideration which leads to the belief that this now obvious hoax was intended for more than a hoax is the fact that there are few subjects, or combination of subjects, that would impel a large number of people to write to the papers. There was the incident nearly a year ago when all the papers received batches of letters on the question of soldiers' cigarette prices, and there is the question of religion, which will always "raise" correspondence. Such matters as the Peak and the wearing of shorts crop up more or less periodically.

## SERIOUS OFFENCE.

### TAKING THE LAW INTO ONE'S OWN HANDS.

#### ACCIDENT AND ASSAULT.

When the hearing was resumed, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, in the case in which two Chinese were charged with assaulting the driver and conductor of a Kowloon motor bus, following an accident in which a coolie was knocked down and injured by the bus, his Worship commented on the seriousness of the offence of taking the law into one's own hands, and sentenced accused to six weeks' hard labour each.

New York, May 26.—The Republican State leaders are reported to have approached the American Ambassador in London with a view to his contesting the seat in the Senate at present held by the Democrat, Mr. Royal Copeland. The Ambassador, Mr. Houghton, is at present en route for the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE "ITALIA."

### Believed to Be in Distress.

#### RELIEF BY PLANES?

Norwegian Government Embarking Upon Measures.

Oslo, Saturday. The Government has decided immediately to embark upon measures for the discovery of the whereabouts of the airship "Italia" and her crew.

The Ministry of Defence is consulting with Polar experts. A conference of leading Arctic explorers, headed by Amundsen, was held at the Defence Ministry. Rieser Larsen undertook to investigate the possibility of carrying out a relief expedition by means of aeroplanes.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Ellsworth, who accompanied General Noble on his North Polar flight with Amundsen in 1926, has cabled offering to accompany Amundsen or to render any other assistance in the relief of the "Italia."

#### No News.

The Italian Minister at Oslo has received a telegram from the base ship "Citta di Milano," despatched at 11 p.m. yesterday from King's Bay, stating that they have received no news of the "Italia."—Reuter's American Service.

#### Experts' Plans.

Oslo, Yesterday. The experts' planning to search for the "Italia" are considering the possibility that she may have landed on northern Spitzbergen or New Friesland.

The explorer, Rieser Larsen, told Reuter that he had flying boats big enough for patrolling and searching for the "Italia." These could be flown from Tromsø and then conveyed by steamer to Spitzbergen. He had broadcast a request to all intending Norwegian seal-catching and shooting expeditions in Franz Josef land in the White Sea and in the adjoining stretches to communicate with him in order to be ready to take supplies for the use of the Relief Expedition.—Reuter.

#### Start Made.

Oslo, Later. Lieutenant Holm this morning flies from Horten to Tromsø where, with an aeroplane, he embarks on a steamer immediately for King's Bay, whence he will look, by air, for the "Italia" around Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

## GERMANY'S "REDS."

### DEMONSTRATION OF "RED FRONT FIGHTERS."

#### CLASH WITH POLICE.

Berlin, May 26. 40,000 Communists throughout the country assembled to demonstrate on behalf of the "Red front fighters" organisation. The police held up several thousand demonstrators and ordered them to disperse. This, however, the Communists refused to do, and the police were compelled to use their truncheons. Falling to disperse them they later employed carbines, and several Communists were wounded.—Reuter.

## RUBBER INDUSTRY.

### CEYLON'S DENUNCIATION OF RESTRICTION.

#### COUNCIL MOTION.

Colombo, May 26. Notice has been given of a private motion in the Legislative Council, to the effect that the Council, having decided that the rubber restriction scheme is uneconomic as regards Ceylon, is unwilling that Ceylon should remain in it any longer.—Reuter.

## MARSHAL FOCH.

### ATTENDING BRITISH LEGION CONFERENCE.

London, May 26. Marshal Foch arrived in London last night to keep an appointment to attend the annual conference of the British Legion of Ex-Servicemen to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

## CUT SHORT.

### Afghan King and Visit to Russia.

#### UNFAVOURABLE IMPRESSION.

Plans For A Soviet Military Alliance.

London, May 8. According to telegraphed reports from Riga King Amanulla is cutting short his Russian visit. After a visit to Leningrad, their Majesties will return to Moscow and proceed to the Crimea, and thence to Turkey.

Well-informed Communist circles believe that King Amanulla's action is due to an unfavourable impression of Soviet institutions and factories and to the persistence of Soviet officials in urging him to make a Soviet military alliance with Russia.

## GREEK POLITICS.

### THE CRISIS UNEXPECTEDLY SOLVED.

#### PANGALOS' TRIAL.

Athens, May 26. As a result of an agreement between Cafandaris, Michalakopoulos and Metaxas to reconstitute the Cabinet, the political crisis has been unexpectedly solved. M. Venizelos promises the re-organised Cabinet a vote of tolerance, provided it votes the Bill of Institution of the Senate with no delay.

M. Venizelos will also recommend the Government to expedite the trial of General Pangalos.—Reuter.

[A cable of May 25 stated that an interesting development in the political situation is likely to follow a recommendation by the Parliamentary Judicial Commission that the ex-Dictator, General Pangalos, who has been detained awaiting trial on a charge of subverting the Constitution, shall be released on bail.]

#### Remarkable Offer.

Athens, Saturday. M. Venizelos, in a dramatic gesture, has communicated to M. Tsaldaris, the Royalist leader, offering to retire from politics and leave Greece if the two royalist leaders will unreservedly recognise the Republican regime. M. Tsaldaris refused.—Reuter.

## OBITUARY.

### FATHER OF U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, Yesterday. The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Butler, "Father" of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

## PRAYER BOOK.

### PRIMATE'S DIOCESAN CIRCULAR.

London, Saturday. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a Diocesan Circular relating to the new Prayer Book, recommends the text of a special short prayer for divine guidance in the Parliamentary deliberations.

Meanwhile, a further step towards the union of the churches in Scotland has been taken in Edinburgh where simultaneous meetings of the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland overwhelmingly adopted the report of the committees on Church Union embodying a plan as a basis of union and resolved that it has referred to presbyteries for further suggestions.—Reuter.

## POLITICS & STATE.

### OFFER TO U.S. AMBASSADOR AT LONDON.

New York, Saturday. The Republican state leaders are reported to have approached the American Ambassador at London with a view to his contesting the seat in the Senate at present held by the Democrat, Mr. Royal Copeland. The Ambassador is at present en route to the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

London, May 26.—Papers to enable the will of the late Lord Oxford and Asquith to be proved have been deposited at Somerset House. Estate has been sworn at £9,169.—British Wireless Service.

## ANTI-NIPPONISM.

### Banner Bearer Gets Nine Months.

#### MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS.

Grave Warning to Agitators in the Colony.

"I am not of course connected with any quarrel between the Chinese and Japanese Nations. What I am concerned with is the maintenance of the peace in this Colony. It must be remembered that in a British Colony every person of whatever nationality is entitled to the same protection as a Britisher. The Law will not tolerate any interference with foreigners living here whose only desire is to peacefully pursue their lawful avocations. Your actions are calculated to breed the germs of public disorder rioting and possibly ultimate bloodshed. I must regard the matter seriously and therefore sentence you to 9 months' hard labour and if for the next 3 months your associates at large refrain from carrying on this unlawful propaganda, I may, at the end of that period, advise the proper authority to commute the remainder of your sentence. In this sense you may regard yourself as a hostage for the good-behaviour of your associates."

These remarks were made at the Central Magistracy this morning. Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., acting First Police Magistrate, in passing sentence on a Chinese named Lam Tak, described as an unemployed seaman living at the Chung Yee Wai seamen's boarding house, Jubilee-street, charged with carrying a banner on which were Chinese characters of an anti-Japanese nature.

#### "Attack Japanese."

In a statement to the Magistrate, Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy said that at about 7 p.m. on Friday, the accused led a large crowd on the waterfront, bearing the banner in front of the procession, which was swelled with "recruits" as it proceeded along Connaught-road Central, the crowd shouting: "Attack the Japanese."

When the procession got to the vicinity of the Tokyo Hotel, it was stopped by a Chinese detective, to whom the accused said that the procession did not concern the British, but was anti-Japanese.

When the detective attempted to arrest the accused, the crowd became very threatening and called out: "Strike him."

The detective had to threaten to shoot, before the crowd would disperse. Then the accused was removed to the station without further trouble.

His Worship convicted the accused, whereupon the C.D.I. stated that the accused was an unemployed seaman, and reminded the Magistrate that since May 17 there had been evidence here of an anti-Japanese movement among a small section of the lower class of Chinese.

They started by smashing windows in Japanese premises at Kowloon and in Hong Kong.

Col. Eaves then made the comment quoted above. Two other Chinese who were arrested for delivering anti-Japanese lectures in Hollywood-road were discharged.

## IBN SAUD.

### ENTERTAINS BIG DELEGATION.

#### THE HOLY CARPET.

Mecca, Saturday.

Deputations from India, Java, South Africa, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Tunis and Algeria, in response to an invitation from Ibn Saud, attended a grand assembly at Motamar Hall, representing all the Moslem countries in the world. An address was read praising Ibn Saud's religious and political policy since he entered the Hedjaz and the Holy Carpet, which was made in India this year, was then exhibited. Its unique workmanship was universally admired.

Ibn Saud, who bore the whole cost of the carpet's production and transportation from India, congratulated the Indians on their craftsmanship and thanked the various delegates for their appreciation and presence. Refreshments were then served and there followed a free exchange of views among the leaders of Islam. Ibn Saud declared he was a Moslem first and then an Arab. He is banqueting the delegates to



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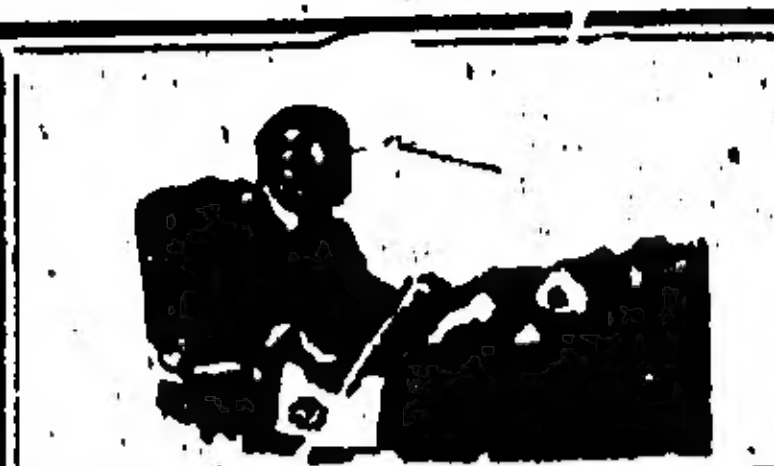
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## BRITISH INDUSTRY.

RISE IN PRODUCTION  
COSTS.

## STRIKING FIGURES.

A wide field is covered by the fourth preliminary volume issued by the Committee on Industry and Trade, under the title of "Further Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency." The following are among the conclusions put forward:

Between 1913 and 1925 the power capacity in heavy industries rose from under 8,000,000 h.p. to over 13,750,000 h.p. There was, however, a wide discrepancy between the increase in horse-power and the increase in productivity per head of the working population.

Industrial costs increased by 80 to 90 per cent. during that period. Wages average 30 and 40 per cent. of total costs.

The length of the working week has been reduced by about 10 per cent. Over-capitalisation criticised as "fettering freedom and paralysing initiative" in those running businesses.

The retailer charges more for his services than the manufacturer, as compared with pre-war figures.

## VAST GROWTH OF POWER.

## Increased Output.

In a comparison between the first Census of Production in 1907 and that of 1924 it is shown that during those seventeen years the number of persons employed in the mining and manufacturing industries surveyed increased by 17 per cent.; the money value of the net output by 131 per cent.; and the average output per head by 95 per cent. During the same period the power capacity in the industries considered rose from something under 8,000,000 h.p. to more than 13,750,000 h.p.

It is, of course (the Committee observe), not to be expected that productivity will increase in direct proportion to the increase of mechanical power, but the wide discrepancy between the rates of increase of horse-power and productivity per head of the working population contrasts unfavourably with corresponding figures for the United States, which between 1904 and 1925 the rates of increase of net industrial production and horse-power per head of employees were almost identical, i.e., about 64 per cent. Such differences naturally suggest the question whether in Great Britain full advantage has been taken of the increased power available, and whether some other factor may not have been simultaneously operating to limit per capita production, or to keep the costs of production above the level at which the full output can be disposed of on economic terms.

An average rise of between 80 and 90 per cent. in industrial costs is indicated in an analysis of the costs for fifty undertakings in 1925, as compared with 1913. Taking 1913 as 100, the total costs for 1925 range from 120 (heavy oil engines) and 133 (blast-furnace gas) to 275 (Egyptian cotton spinning). Of the groups of trades, the textile group, with an average of 225, shows much the highest rise, while shipbuilding (147), iron and steel (162), general engineering (166), and chemicals (174) show the lowest rates of increase. The magnitude of the increase in the textile group is mainly attributable to the rise in the cost of raw material.

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## Analysis of wages costs in the

great exporting industries shows that these average between 80 and 40 per cent. of the total costs. This average, it is pointed out, does not include the element of wages which is contained in other items of cost (such as materials), and hence it bears no relation to the calculation of the total proportion of the value of the products of industry which represent wages. The highest percentage found for important industry in 1925 was that for coal-mining (70.7).

## Shorter Working Week.

Comparing 1925 figures again with those of 1913, the Committee suggest that the average rise of direct wages costs in the cases for which comparable data are available in the neighbourhood of 75 to 80 per cent., while the average rise in rates of wages in the great exporting trades, it is estimated, did not exceed 60 to 70 per cent. There was thus a marked discrepancy between the increases in wages and in labour costs in spite of the progress made in the equipment of industry with plant and power. The Committee add that they find it difficult to resist the conclusion that the residual factor which accounts for at least part and possibly the greater part of the increase in the "real" cost of labour in production is the reduction in the length of the working week between the dates compared. This reduction averaged on the whole about 10 per cent.

On the question of the evils of over-capitalisation, the Committee remark that these, though not of the kind commonly supposed, are very real and serious, and exert a prejudicial effect on the minds and policy of the men running such businesses in fettering freedom and paralysing initiative.

There is no question that the gigantic financial operations by which so many of the Lancashire cotton spinning mills became over-capitalised have seriously added to the economic difficulties of the cotton industry. It is one of the most disquieting phenomena of recent years that shrewd business men with local knowledge and experience should have allowed a great staple industry to fall so easy a victim to speculators and company promoters. The cotton industry does not, of course, stand alone, as cases of reckless over-capitalisation might be quoted from the post-war history of other trades and industries.

## Retail Prices.

The conclusion that, on the average, the price charged by the retailer for the services which he performs has increased since 1913 by a greater percentage than the price charged by the manufacturer for his products is reached after analysis of the 1925 accounts of two great departmental stores, three important co-operative societies, and six proprietary provision businesses.

The result is to show that the "gross margin" between the cost to the departmental stores of the goods they offer for sale and the price at which these goods are sold retail to the consumer averaged 26 per cent. of the retail price in 1925, as compared with 20 per cent. in 1913. The corresponding "gross margin" in the case of the three co-operative societies averaged 20 1/2 per cent. in 1925 and 19 1/2 per cent. in 1913.

Examining the question of how far this rise in the "gross margin" represents increased expenses or more extensive services performed, or how far it represents an increase of "net profit" to the retailer, the Committee state:

The expenses of the three co-operative societies in 1925 represented 13 1/2 per cent. of their sales, as compared with 10 per cent. in 1913. Those of the departmental stores in 1925 represented 20 per cent. of their sales, as compared with 16 per cent. for 1913. Thus, between 1913 and 1925 the proportion of expenses to sales increased in both cases by about one-third. This increase is partly due to improved services, especially of delivery, and in the case of the departmental stores possibly to an extension of advertising; but the fact that the proportion of total expenses represented by salaries and wages has remained practically constant at rather more than 60 per cent. in both cases suggests that part of the rise expenses is attributable to the increase of salaries and wages.

The present volume is published by His Majesty's Stationery Office at 3s. 6d. Two further volumes, dealing with certain great exporting industries, are in preparation.

## \$50,000 TAX FRAUDS.

## PRISON FOR COMPANY DIRECTORS.

The case at Birmingham Assizes, in which five directors of Burton, Delingpole, and Company, screw manufacturers, of Birmingham and Old Hill, were charged with tax evasions, totalling over \$50,000, came to an abrupt end when the defendants withdrew their plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. Mr. Justice Avory expressed a wish to have evidence of the extent to which the frauds had been committed.

An advisory accountant to the Board of Inland Revenue read a statement showing the profits as originally submitted to revenue by the defendants and those ultimately disclosed on investigation. The total amount for the years 1911-1918 was \$82,420, the amount of duty evaded being \$50,244. This was in respect of income-tax, super tax, excess profits duty, and munitions levy.

John Burton and William Henry Delingpole were sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

James Thomas Tiley to nine months', Vincent Edwin Young to six months', and William Willetts to four months', all in the second division. They were also ordered, jointly and severally, to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Two recent Chancery motions on behalf of the British Dominions Films Corporation (Limited) related to the use of the title "Dawn" for stage plays. Mr. Herbert Sydney Wilcox, of Epsom, and Mr. Reginald Berkeley, of Marlow, were associated with the Corporation in a motion before Mr. Justice Astbury by Mr. E. MacGillivray against the Millane Stock Company, proprietors of a travelling repertoire company, to restrain them from using for a play the title "Dawn," or any other title which represented that the play was one upon which the plaintiffs' cinematograph film "Dawn" was based, or was based on the story of the film. The defendants had been playing a play called "At Dawn," which had no connection with the film, and were ready to agree to the injunction, which Mr. Justice Astbury granted. Mr. Justice Eve granted a similar injunction against the Fred d'Albert Repertory Company in respect of a play called "Dawn."

## HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1897, 1898 and 1899.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

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Lomars, Asiatic Petroleum Co., from Shanghai.  
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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, 24th May, 1928.

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**NOTICES.**

**NOTICE.**

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ELLIS HAYIM.  
Hong Kong, 28th May, 1928.

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E. D. C. WOLFE, Captain Supt. of Police. Hong Kong, 26th May, 1928.

**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

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**WATER SUPPLY.**

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1928:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam Byewash	12' 11" 17' 5"	12' 11" 17' 5"
Tytam Intermediate	10' 0" 4' 0"	10' 0" 4' 0"
Tytam Tuk	28' 4" 33' 0"	28' 4" 33' 0"
Wong Nei Chung	21' 7" 10' 5"	21' 7" 10' 5"
Pokfulum	12' 1" 11' 10"	12' 1" 11' 10"
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow".)		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	283.90	263.30
Tytam Byewash	3.07	4.67
Tytam Intermediate	143.50	171.36
Tytam Tuk	820.00	658.00
Wong Nei Chung	8.80	12.62
Pokfulum	39.93	40.44
Total	1,300.23	1,140.39

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1927	1928
Consumption	215.20	217.00
Estimated population	411,000	421,380
Consumption per head per day	17.4	17.1
Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts, West of Garden Road during April, 1927, and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts east of Garden Road during April, 1927.		
Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during April, 1928.		

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	18' 0" 17' 4"	18' 0" 17' 4"
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	20' 4" 9' 2"	20' 4" 9' 2"
Reception Reservoir	20' 4" 9' 2"	20' 4" 9' 2"
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	191.50	196.58
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	31.48	81.84
Reception Reservoir	30.55	27.87
Total	253.53	306.29

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1927	1928
Consumption	159,820	164,800
Estimated population	159,820	164,800
Consumption per head per day	17.0	19.7
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**AT TSINGTAO.**

**JAPAN'S REQUEST TO GOVERNOR.**

**CHINESE ADMINISTRATION.**

Tsingo, Saturday. Six thousand Japanese Army reservists who had been called up for service in China have now been demobilised. This is apparently due to an improvement in the situation in China.—Reuter.

**TSINGTAO, SATURDAY.**

The local Chinese military authorities have held a conference to discuss the Japanese General Yasumitsu's request to withdraw to seven miles outside Tsingtao.

[Note: The General is the commander of the Japanese 3rd (Nagoya) division]

There was no Chinese military parade on the race course here to-day as formerly.

The Japanese have doubled the sentries everywhere.

The Japanese Consul called on the local administration on Friday and requested Governor Chao Chi to continue in office. The civil staff of the administration is reported, after demurring, to have agreed in the interests of the inhabitants.

Everything is orderly.—Reuter.

**NORTH COMBINE.**

To Launch Attack on Southerners.

**TO GUARD MANCHURIA.**

Peking, Saturday.

It is learned from Tientsin that Northerners under Chang Tsung-chang, Chu Yu-pa and Sun Chuan-fang are on the offensive and are advancing on Potowchen for the purpose of launching a general attack against the Southerners in districts along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to-morrow.—Reuter.

**TO GUARD MANCHURIA.**

Peking, Saturday.

A glimpse at the Generalissimo's communications, with Chambers of Commerce in Manchuria reveals that he is preparing to guard the sovereign rights of Manchuria to the utmost of his ability.—Reuter.

**COMING TO CHINA.**

Mission For Japanese D.M.I.

**WHEN JAPANESE TROOPS REACHED TSINAN.**

Tsinan, Saturday.

Lieut.-General Matsui, director of military intelligence is leaving for China to-morrow.

It is understood that he will visit Tsingtao, Tsinan, Tientsin and Peking and will consult the commander of the Japanese Sixth Division, the commander of the Japanese Garrison in North China, and the military attaché.

The object of the mission is unknown, though it is said to be important.—Reuter.

**SO THIS IS CHINA!**

**WHEN JAPANESE TROOPS REACHED TSINAN.**

Tsinan, Saturday.

Regarding anything that happens in warfare in China everybody ought long ago to have ceased to have any surprise. In a bombardment of Canton about the middle of last century the "Times" correspondent of that date stated that the principal effect it seemed to have was that the beggars very quickly left their places of shelter and proceeded to search for pieces of shell casing in the hope that they could ultimately sell them to the advantage of their pockets.

It is by no means the same sort of thing which we wish to mention to-day, but one that shows what unexpected effects phases of military activity have in this country.

When the Southern armies were threatening Tsingtao at the beginning of the month, Chinese merchants in Tsingtao were distinctly alarmed for the safety of their property and goods, and foreign insurance men were being asked to quote war risks. The first clash in Tsinan made them even more desirous to get themselves covered; but the moment the new Japanese contingents arrived in Tsingtao a solitary bit of business could be done in that direction.

Apparently they recognised that with a foreign force in port there could be no looting, and in this connection an interesting report reached Tsingtao. It was actually stated in Chinese circles that merchants and banks in Tsinan regarded the presence of a Japanese force there as a beneficial act of providence, otherwise they anticipated all their wealth going into the rapacious maw of the military. Some may consider this far-fetched, but if so it would be pertinent to inquire what the real outlook of the Shanghai merchants regarding the arrival of the Defence Force here was. Not so greatly different, perhaps.

**AMERICAN HISTORY.**

**SIR GREGORY FOSTER AND PROPOSED CHAIR IN LONDON.**

**STUDY FOR HONOURS.**

The desire to increase the provision for the study and teaching of American history in the University of London, which has for some time been keenly felt on both sides of the Atlantic, will shortly be satisfied, there is every reason to hope, by the foundation of a chair of American history at University College.

Sir Gregory Foster, Provost of the College, recalled in an interview with a representative of the "Observer," that in 1921, at the suggestion of Professor A. F. Pollard, who was then head of the department of history in the College, a lectureship in American history was established there.

This was the first provision made in the Universities of this country for the teaching of American history.

"The idea," Sir Gregory said, "had been in the mind of Professor Pollard and his colleagues for some time, and the effective institution of the lectureship was made possible by two means. On the one hand, there was the gift in 1920 from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace of the nucleus

**DEEPER MOTIVE.**

**LORD BEAVERBROOK AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE.**

**WAR MEMOIRS.**

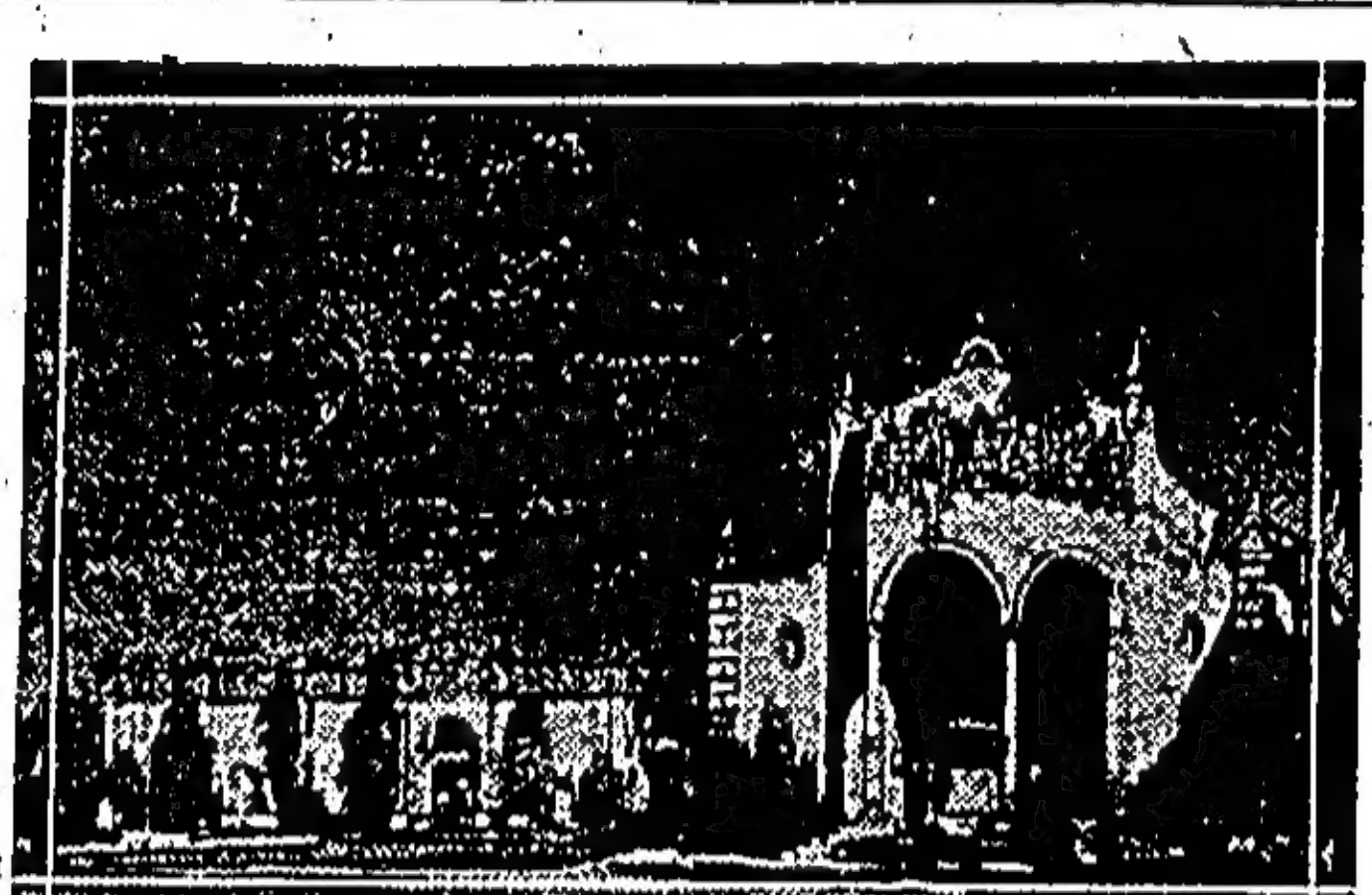
The London correspondent of the Conservative "Yorkshire Post" writes:—

The appearance in a London evening paper of extracts from a book of War Memoirs shortly to be published by Lord Beaverbrook has aroused a certain amount of political curiosity as to the deeper motives of the author.

Nobody who has any knowledge of the events of 1916 has ever doubted the influence which Lord Beaverbrook—then Mr. Max Aitken, M.P.—exercised behind the political scenes. To him, more than possibly to any other man, was due the inception of the more vigorous War Administration of which Mr. Lloyd George was the head.

The question is whether these Memoirs are published now—with in sight of the next General Election—with a design of reminding the electorate of the part Mr. Lloyd George played as a War Minister, or whether the motive is to reveal in that statesman's weakness of which the public may not be aware.

Is Lord Beaverbrook friend or foe to his one-time associate?



Architect's drawings of the new buildings which will be erected in Park Maria Louisa at Sevilla, Spain, for the United States Government participation in the Iberian-American Exposition, which will be held in October, to commemorate the Spanish and Portuguese pioneers who settled in America. The buildings were designed by William Templeton Johnson, of San Diego. Photo shows, left, exhibition building and right, the motion picture theater.

of a library devoted to the history, institutions, and literature of the United States. On the other hand, the University of London had just included American history among the optional subjects in the honours school of history.

Overseas Students. "Ever since 1921, regular courses and classes in general American history and in selected periods have been held, and the nucleus of the library given by the Carnegie Endowment has been developed still further at University College and at the Institute of Historical Research in Malet-street.

"The experiment thus made has shown that a real need exists for a full and adequate provision of teaching and for facilities for research in this great subject. There are undergraduates taking the subject, and there is an increasing flow of postgraduate and research students to London.

"The growth in the number of postgraduate and research students from the various parts of the Empire Overseas, as well as from foreign countries, has been one of the most noteworthy events in the life of the University of London since the war. At University College, there were in the session 1925-26 no fewer than 634, of whom 181 came from the Empire Overseas and foreign countries.

"The opportunities afforded by London in its great libraries, in the Record Office, and in the rapidly growing provision made by the University of London, as a whole, make London, for purposes like the teaching of American history, a natural centre.

An Urgent Need. "It is with these considerations in view that plans have been formed for endowing a Chair of American History. The movement has been warmly welcomed in New York, where a special committee has been established to further it. The chairman of that committee is the Hon. John W. Davis, formerly American Ambassador in London; and the executive chairman is Major George Haven Putnam. A co-operating committee has been established in London of which Lord Loch is chairman, and Sir Frederick Macmillan hon. treasurer, and they are supported by a large number of men and women who feel that the establishment of a Chair of American History in the University of London is a really urgent need.

"The two committees, acting in co-operation, are seeking to raise a sum of \$20,000, the income from which will be utilised for the salary of a professor, and to some extent for the development and maintenance of the Library of American history.

\$1,482 has already been subscribed in London, and the first list of subscribers will be issued shortly.

**CANTON NOTES.**

**STREETS OF CITY SUBUR FLOODED.**

**EXPLOSION AT ARSENAL.**

**Canton, Saturday.**

The flood in the West and North Rivers has affected the Canton River somewhat during the last few days. It is reported that streets in Honam, a suburb of Canton, are flooded during high tide each day, causing a great inconvenience.

At 3.30 p.m. on May 24, the second ammunition dump of the Sekheng Arsenal exploded owing, it is thought, to internal combustion. It was found that two boxes and four barrels of explosive had been damaged. Fortunately, no one was killed but 24 men were injured.

The Central Bank at Canton, it is stated, has decided to re-open the branch office at Kongmoon.

A youth and his wife were arrested in the northern suburb at Canton recently. They were brought before the garrison commander, General Tang Hai-chang, and voluntarily admitted that they are members of the Communist Party. The man gave his name as Wong Ku-yan, which is known as that of a leading Communist. He and his wife were executed on Friday afternoon.—"Wah Keung Po."

On the evening of May 10 a man was found charred to death in the Dutch Cemetery at Nagasaki. From a paper he left on the spot he was identified as Fukushima Suejiro, aged 54, a geta repairer of Ouramachi. Apparently he covered himself with oil and then set himself on fire. He had six children, and the difficulty of making a livelihood was the cause of the suicide.

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Left to right: Jack Loughner, holder of the outdoor record; Charles Byrd, national indoor champion; Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover; William F. MacCracken, Assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of aviation; William Chaffee, former holder of the indoor record; and Aram Abgarian, indoor endurance timeholder. These boys, timeholders in model airplane construction, flew to Washington from Buffalo, N. Y., in the Ford plane which carried Mrs. Lindbergh to Mexico City.

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ASUKA MARU	Saturday, 16th June.
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MURORAN MARU	Wednesday, 30th May.
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	Monday, 25th June.
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MENADO MARU	Friday, 8th June 10 a.m.
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JAPAN PORTS	
ATLAS MARU	Wednesday, 6th June.
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HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 3rd June Noon.
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## CONVICTS AT SEA.

HOW FRENCH DEPORTEES  
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DESPERATE HOPES.

On April 4, 418 convicts were embarked at Saint Martin de Ré for Guiana and Devil's Island. The famous convict ship "La Martinique" that received them has often been described, with its hold converted by iron bars into immense cages, wherein these wretched men are kept during the long weeks of the voyage, as one newspaper puts it, "like wild beasts and in disgusting promiscuity," more especially with its system of pipes whereby in cases of revolt these caged creatures may be boiled alive by steam from the boilers, and its punishment cells wherein the victim, enclosed in complete darkness and the suffocating heat of the tropics, can neither stand nor sit nor crouch.

On this occasion the short stretch of tree-lined road by which the melancholy procession passed from the prison gates to the tender was lined by Senegalese black troops, whose roughness in applying the order to drive away journalists, photographers, and cinema operators is complained of generally in the Paris newspapers. The "Paris Midia" correspondent, who was misshandled by a Senegalese soldier and even threatened with the bayonet, writes of his black assailant as a "savage" and as an "animal." Imagine such epithets being used by a German journalist in the Rhineland, where presumably these uniformed negroes are not sweeter mannered than on French soil.

The cinema operator of a great company had his film torn from him, but in the process of the struggle managed to substitute a blank film for that on which he had succeeded in recording the procession, writes the "Manchester Guardian's" Paris correspondent to his paper.

## Captain's Anxiety.

In an interview with the Paris "Midia" correspondent the captain of "La Martinique" betrayed a certain uneasiness over the security of the ship, despite the cages and the stampedes. Every day, by regulation, he has to allow one-half of the inmates of one of the cages to emerge on deck for an hour while the other half clear up the traces of their "disgusting promiscuity." "We have only eight warders to superintend these parades of some 300 convicts at a time. For a long time we have been demanding machine-guns, but our request has not been granted. It was only at the last moment that they allowed us to have revolvers."

"Have you ever had a case of revolt?" the captain was asked. "No, but I have had sometimes to threaten supreme measures. Should the cells and the irons not suffice to master them it would be in my power to smother them in ten minutes with a jet of steam."

Another correspondent writes that these departing convicts are all animated with the same hope, that of eventual escape. For any other hope there is no room. "La Martinique" weighed anchor for Algiers, where she will embark an almost equal contingent of North African convicts bound for that same port across the Atlantic from which few return. For years press and Parliament have been talking of the abolition of this Guiana penal settlement, but it still continues.

## FAMOUS SAILOR.

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NORTH-WEST PASSAGE.

"Anno, 1607, April the nineteenth at Saint Ethelburgh in Bishop Gate-street, did communicate with the rest of the parishioners these persons, seamen, purposing to go to sea four days after, for to discover a passage by the North Pole to Japan and China."

"First, Henry Hudson; master."

So runs an entry in the log of John Pleyce, one of the company of mariners who set out with Henry Hudson on his first great voyage of discovery in his ship the Half Moon.

On April 18, the 321st anniversary of Hudson's Communion, the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company unveiled a window given by the Company in honour of the navigator in the same church of St. Ethelburgh the Virgin.

The dim little church—it is the smallest in London—now dwarfed by the buildings of those "worthier Merchants" in whose service Hudson sailed, was filled by vice Hudson sailed, was filled by business men and representatives of foreign lands when the Service of Dedication began. They were crowded even to the steps of the chancel where Hudson had knelt with his crew, narrates the London "Morning Post."

## Cast Away.

When the first hymn of thanksgiving had been sung and a special lecture given, Mr. C. V. Sate, the Governor of the Company, drew aside the curtains before the window.

".....In honour of Henry Hudson, the Navigator," he declared, "and of his courage, fortitude, and untimely death, we dedicate this window, on behalf of the Governor, England trading into Hudson's Bay, and entrust it to the care and custody of the Rector and churchwardens of this ancient church."

In an address before the dedication the Governor told as much of the story of Hudson's life as is known. He told of his four renowned voyages, of his life-long passage and finally of his casting away in an open shallop with eight companions, a few tools, and a little food, by a mutinous crew.

"In the circumstances we think of him not in failure, nor as one who died in a vain cause," he added, "but as the bearer of an imperishable name whereof are witnesses the representatives in Shanghai of the English Government, to which Henry Hudson owed allegiance, the representatives of the great nations of France, the United States and of Canada, of Denmark, the Netherlands, and of Newfoundland, all of whom are in one way or another linked in history with the four voyages I have described—as well as representative members of the great interests of the City of London engaged in carrying on that traffic and intercourse overseas which it was the ambition of Henry Hudson to promote."

## Canada's Greetings.

Dr. Gellie-Cobb, the rector, read a cablegram from Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, in which the latter said: "I send greetings on behalf of the people of Canada who desire to join with the people of Great Britain and the United States now paying tribute to the great explorer whose name holds an honoured place in the history of this Dominion."

Dr. Gellie-Cobb explained that the window was one of a set of three which it was hoped to install in the church. It is expected that the remaining two will be provided by the citizens of the United States and of Canada.

The window presented by the Hudson's Bay Company depicts Hudson standing beside the Half Moon reading his sailing orders before embarking. Below is a representation of the Communion service in St. Ethelburgh's Church, with the names of the Half Moon's crew emblazoned around it.

Commenting editorially, the "Morning Post" says:—

## Hudson's Hope.

The new house of the Hudson's Bay Company stands in picturesque juxtaposition to the venerable little church of St. Ethelburgh the Virgin, where Henry Hudson took Holy Communion before setting out on the first of those four voyages which gave Hudson's name to Hudson's Bay. It was therefore an appropriate as well as a pious act for the Governor and Company to commemorate their godfather

by the gift of a window to the church, the first of three which will record the life of that great Navigator. And Mr. Sale's speech on the subject should serve to remind London of what she owes to this and other remote progenitors of her proud position as the centre of world commerce. Hudson's idea, which ruled his life and ordained his death, was to discover a way to China and the Indies by the North Pole. It may seem a vain illusion now; but we must remember that English sailors in those days were shut out of both the Baltic and the South Seas by the might of Spain and the Empire; that both the sea and overland routes to the Far East were therefore closed to our Merchant Adventurers; and that this conception of a free road to the Indies, by way of the North, was a hope which lived in their breasts from one generation to another. If Hudson did not discover the way, he went far to establish that no way existed, and negative knowledge is sometimes as valuable as positive. There was besides those incidental explorations, which helped both England and Holland to occupy and colonise the American coasts.

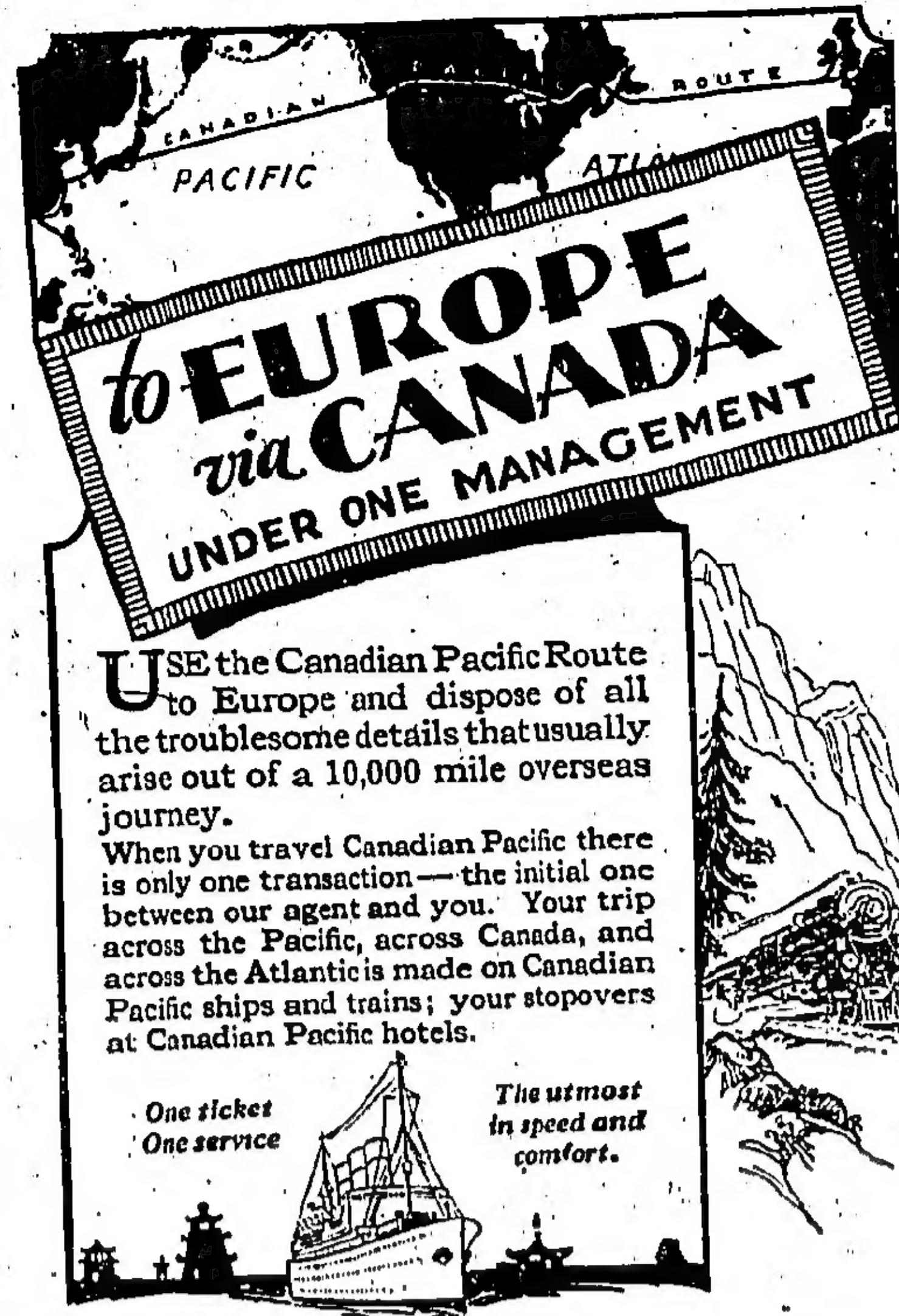
## Mistaken Nationality.

The Dutch, indeed, were so much identified with one of Hudson's voyages that some American historians fell into the fallacy of calling Hudson a Dutchman. There is no doubt, however, that he was an Englishman, and very little doubt that he was a Londoner, connected by family and tradition with the Muscovy Company and the enterprise to which he devoted—and forfeited—his life. It was an adventure, in a forty-ton boat, with a crew of ten men and a boy, as hazardous as flying the Atlantic to-day; it needed as much courage and more endurance, and although the broad east on these icy and stormy waters returned, it was not to Hudson, but to the following generations of his countrymen.

We owe to those great Elizabethans and their successors our heritage in North America—if we may still call it our heritage, when Englishmen are denied free entry into Canada, and are put on a sort of "Maconochie ration" in the land which their fathers established.

## Canada.

We recently gave an account of the difficulties which are set in the way of emigration to Canada by the Canadian authorities. We have heard so many complaints of the elaborate machinery of medical examination and so forth covers some political design against British emigrants. Certain it is that, where there might be a great flow of British settlers into Canada, there is a mere trickle—a state of affairs by which Canada loses at least as much as this country. If the Dominion were wise in its own interest, it would allow as free a movement between Great Britain and Canada as between London and Edinburgh, or Quebec and Montreal. For consider the risks which Canada runs and the losses she suffers by the lack not merely of agricultural but of industrial population. The United States, with 115 millions or so of population, are exploiting her resources and pressing their claim upon her water, which she herself cannot use for lack of people.



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DELTA	5,273	26th June	Straits & Bombay.
DELTA	5,273	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
DELTA	5,273	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
DELTA	5,273	21st July	M'Isle, L'An, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
DELTA	5,273	28th July	Bombay, Marseilles, L'An & A'werp
DELTA	5,273	4th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TAKADA	9,018	27th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALAMBA	8,018	4th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KALYAN	9,144	15th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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AFTER TEN EVENTFUL  
YEARS.

[By H. C. Ferraby.]

London.—Nearly ten years of  
peace have brought about great  
changes in the Navy. There have  
been, as every one has heard, ex-  
traordinary changes in the  
material. Those, however, are  
often written about. Equally vital  
changes, equally revolutionary  
changes, have taken place in the  
human element which manages and  
uses the material.

The men of the Navy, however,  
both among officers and ratings,  
are silent about themselves. The  
result is that the nation at large  
has no conception of the character  
of the new generation of seafarers  
to whom its destinies and its de-  
fence are committed.

Behind The Scenes.

I have been privileged for nearly  
a quarter of a century to know  
the Navy from the inside, and for  
the past few weeks I have been living  
with the Navy on manoeuvres.  
I have been watching the younger  
generation at work, learning, all I  
can about its views, its aspirations,  
and its temperaments. And I want  
to present, as clearly and accurately  
as I can, a series of pen pictures  
of the human element of the Navy  
ten years after the war.

"Steve" will perhaps forgive me  
for picking him out as an example.  
For "Steve" has after his name in  
the Navy List the initials "R.C.N." He  
is not the only one. That is why  
it is fair to single him out. He is  
typical of a new British Navy that  
is growing, very slowly, very pain-  
fully, suffering here and there from  
rickets, but still a child that may be  
nursed into strength and endurance.

R.C.N. stands for Royal Cana-  
dian Navy. The initials of the  
Royal Australian Navy stand after  
other officers' names. They are  
"lent" to the home service for  
training and experience, partly be-  
cause their native navies are not  
yet large enough to provide those  
opportunities for round seafaring  
education that are required to pro-  
duce the complete naval officer.

Share of the Dominion.

The Dominion navies are an at-  
tempt on the part of the self-gov-  
erning overseas parts of the Em-  
pire to take their share in the de-  
fence of the whole. Political and  
other considerations with which we  
are not here concerned have cramped  
the development of these forces,  
but quietly and unobtrusively  
there is being built up a vigorous,  
well-trained corps of officers and  
men.

Ships, after all, are of no  
use unless they can be navigated  
and fought, and even shore-living  
politicians realise that the making  
of a seaman is not the work of a  
fortnight or even of a year. So,  
against the time when the ships  
may be forthcoming, the man-  
power is being moulded and weld-  
ed in that famous old factory of  
seafarers, the English Navy.  
(Scottish sea captains and en-  
gineers must forgive the use of the  
hated word, but, after all, it was  
the English Navy before the  
Union!)

The squadron in which I have  
been serving has two lieutenant-  
commanders, one lieutenant (an en-  
gineer specialist), and two mid-  
shipmen of the R.C.N. and one lieuten-  
ant-commander and two lieutenants,  
R.A.N. One of these days  
any one of these young officers may  
be commander-in-chief of a section  
of the imperial British Navy in  
waters far distant from Europe.  
Any one of them may prove to be  
the Jacky Fisher of a new dispensa-  
tion in the governance of the  
Empire's naval needs.

Naval "Gravity" Centre.

We do not know that the control  
of our naval defence will always  
be in Whitehall. That famous  
naval chimera, "the centre of  
naval gravity," may shift as the  
world grows to waters far from  
Spithead, and it may even be that  
the prosperity of London will be  
defended—as it has been before—  
in Orient waters or by a battle  
somewhere on the Equator. Sea  
power is far-reaching.

These officers are students, look-  
ing on at the work of the ship  
and picking up what they can.  
They are integral parts of the  
organization. They are fitted into  
the general scheme just as though  
they had come into the home  
service by the normal channels,  
pulling their full weight on every  
rope, doing the hard jobs as well  
as the easy ones, and learning all  
the time, as if their destiny was—  
well, British naval officers would  
say, pessimistically, "retirement  
at 45," but we will take the  
rosier view and suggest "a seat  
on the Board of Admiralty."

Nephews Of The Sea.

The time is apparently not far  
distant when we shall have also  
young officers of the Royal Indian  
Navy learning in the Home Navy.  
Ultimately also young officers of  
the New Zealand and South  
African Navies. The officer corps  
of the South African Navy is as  
yet wholly "R.N. (retired)," and  
all but seven of the New Zealand's  
Navy's officers are similarly "ex-  
British." But the forces are in  
existence and will grow.  
The "nephews of the sea" to

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one or two of those serving in  
this squadron are old enough to  
have fought ten years ago. The  
other are "New Navy," that Navy  
which seems so degenerate to an  
older generation, the Navy that  
does not handle sail, that "chases  
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## PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed  
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Mr. A. D. Lalchand, the managing  
proprietor of Messrs. Lalchand &  
Gagandas, who is going to Singa-  
pore to receive his family coming  
from India to Hong Kong. Mr.  
Lalchand is expected back with his  
family on June 15 by the B.I. liner  
"Talamba."

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. Co.'s s.s. "Tilawa" left  
Singapore for this port on May 24,  
p.m., and is due here to-morrow  
p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left  
Moji for this port on Friday, and  
is due here on Wednesday at about  
a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Asia" (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.)  
was due here to-day at 8 a.m. She  
will leave here for Victoria and  
Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on  
Wednesday at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Canada" left Vancouver for Hong  
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-  
hai, on May 17, and is due here on  
June 4.

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Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on  
May 7, and is due here on or about  
June 16.

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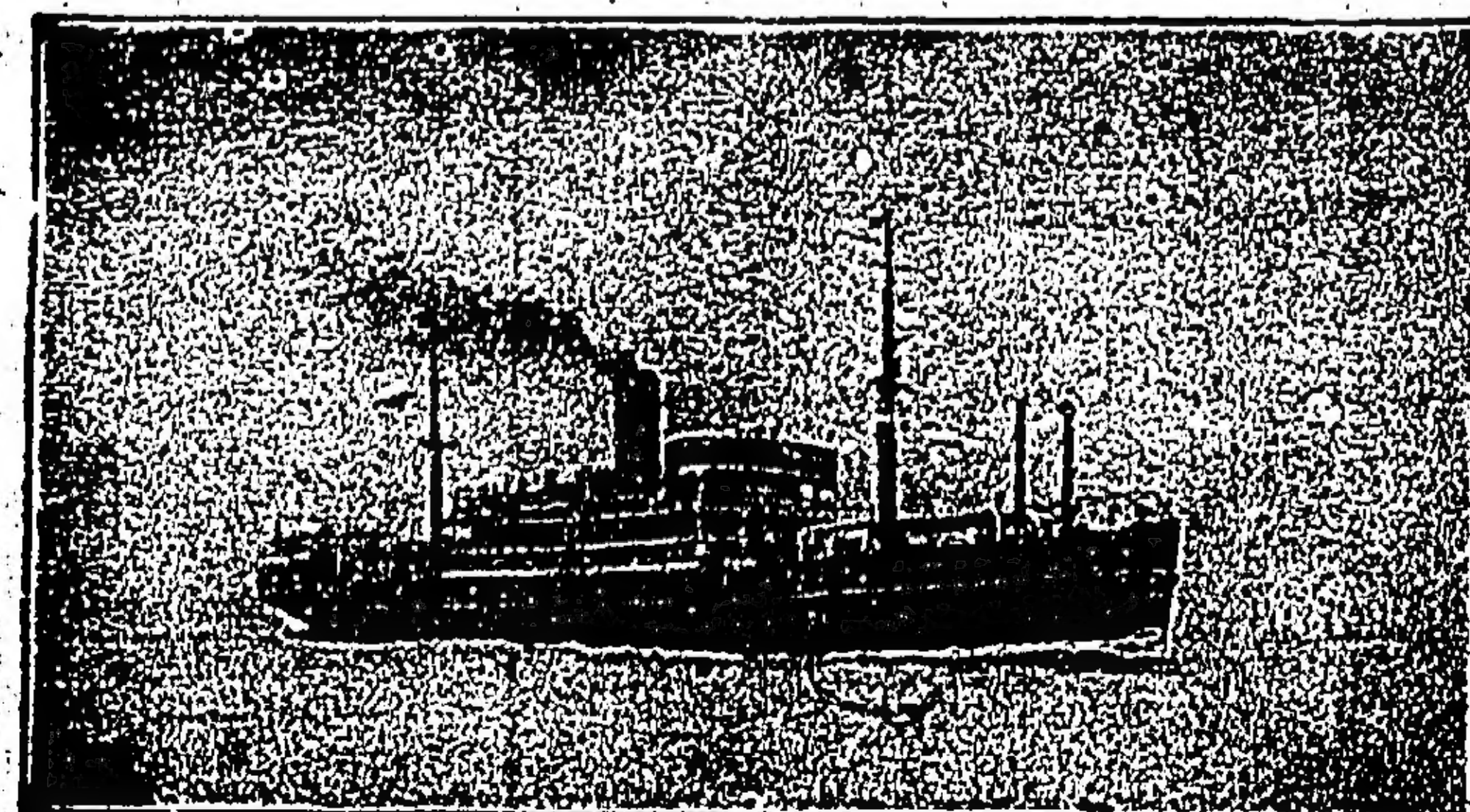
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### "PROPHECIES" AND PREDICTIONS.

It will probably come to many of our readers as a complete surprise to be told that to-day (May 28) has been regarded by a large number of people in England, America and elsewhere as a "red letter" day—one, in fact, of very momentous consequence in the world's history. The uninitiated will be eager to know more, will, in fact, want to know what it is all about, and especially why this particular day and date should have been so specially favoured. We must preface our remarks by stating that the principal believers in this extraordinary affair are those who are convinced that in the Great Pyramid we have much more than a very ancient Egyptian monument—nothing short, in fact, than a revelation in stone of the Creator's intentions towards humanity. To most people, we venture to say, such a belief is at least astounding. But that it is at the present moment seriously held by thousands of people and sympathetically regarded by as many others not quite so certain of its authenticity is evident by the largely-attended meetings held in the Albert Hall, London, and elsewhere to discuss the subject. These meetings, according to the Press reports, have been of a very serious nature and have been addressed by several men of undoubted scientific knowledge, men who have (like Mr. D. Davidson) devoted many years of thought almost exclusively to the subject. As an indication of what has been and continues to be said and written regarding this pyramid-

cal prophesy we believe that we cannot do better than give a few extracts from an article on the subject written by Mr. Davidson. He says:

"Precisely as our Lord utilised the incidents of His own life and times as the basis of a parable, so does the Great Pyramid's system of Revelation utilise the phenomena of astronomy and nature as the basis of an allegory that reveals the Hand of God in human history."

"It is only because the Pyramid's prophesy is a Divine Revelation that it was possible for the dates of certain events to be indicated 5,000 years ago."

Mr. Davidson emphasises that the "period of tribulation" into which the world (according to the pyramid prophecies) is entering to-day (May 28, 1928) does not necessarily mean that it will begin with war though, in this same "tribulation period," the series of index events falls into three categories: (1) Events relating to Turkish, Egyptian and Moslem questions; (2) Communism and Communist propaganda directed against the British Empire and the United States of America; and (3) International economic instability.

This seems to us to be startling enough quite apart from war, and it is devoutly to be hoped that these pyramid prophecies are (as we are inclined to believe they are) more zealous than accurate in their wonderful prognostications.

### FOND OF COLONY.

BANISHEE'S EARLY RETURN  
FROM TEN YEARS' EXILE.

Banished only as recently as the 15th of this month for a term of ten years, a Chinese returned to the Colony almost as soon as he had been landed in Chinese territory. He was arrested here for pocket-picking. His identity was then established by police records. At the Kowloon Magistrate's, on Saturday, Mr. W. Schofield passed sentence of nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch for returning from banishment, whilst for pocket-picking, the accused received an additional three months' hard labour.

### ALERT WATCHMAN.

ASSAULTED WHEN ACTING AS  
AMATEUR DETECTIVE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's on Saturday, a district watchman charged a Chinese with assault. The watchman saw two Chinese in Shanghai-street, Taumati, peering into the pockets of pedestrians, so he kept his eyes on them. Then, because of a suspicious movement on the part of the accused, the watchman seized him, whereupon the accused grabbed the watchman by the collar, tore his tunic and scratched his neck. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$30 or one month's hard labour.

### "GRAND TRIO."

MRS. WOODS & HER TWIN  
DAUGHTERS.

LEAVING HONG KONG.

Popular and respected residents of Hong Kong for a number of years, Mrs. Harry Woods, an accomplished musician, and her twin daughters, the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, two very talented entertainers and dancing teachers, will be sailing during this week for Canada, where they intend to settle. Their going will be a distinct loss to the Colony, and will be regretted by a large circle of friends and admirers.

That the popularity enjoyed here by Mrs. Woods and her daughters was well-merited, goes without saying, and this is the excuse, if any were needed, for this review of a part of their amazingly successful career as entertainers in many parts of the world, scoring triumphs everywhere they went—in New York, South Africa, the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, India, Burma, Japan and Russia—with their "Novel Cabaret," they being absolutely the first artists to introduce this new line of entertainment almost fourteen years ago.

The "Novel Cabaret" was touring in South Africa when the Great War broke out in 1914, and the Woods left the country soon afterwards. Thence they went to Mauritius, being the first English entertainers to appear there. They were so well received in Mauritius that they stayed there for three months entertaining the troops.

Then they sailed for Singapore, opening there on June 12, 1915, which date marked their long connection with the Far East, which led to their subsequent decision to make Hong Kong their headquarters.

The Cabaret entertainment made such an instantaneous hit that the Woods remained for six months in the Straits Settlements and the F.M.A., before proceeding to India and Burma where they met with the same phenomenal success, and they stayed for one year. They were engaged to give their entertainment in Bombay at all the War Hospitals, and remained in that city alone for four months.

### Personal Recollections.

Then a return visit was paid to the Straits Settlements in 1916, and at this time the writer of these notes was a newspaperman in Singapore. He has very clear recollection of attending and greatly enjoying their entertainments, at which stirring and popular songs which make an especial appeal were sung.

Some of the songs well remembered as being amongst the best repertoire of the clever singers were: "Land of Hope and Glory," "Every Man is going to be a Soldier," "There's only one England," "Well done Volunteers," "Till the Boys Come Home," "The Army of To-day's All Right," and "They Sang—God Save Our King."

There was no doubt that then, as now, the reason for the Misses Woods' popularity, and the secret of the success which they invariably achieve, was their untiring vivaciousness. To this the Service lads who had seen the Misses Woods at Concerts arranged for them locally by the Y.M.C.A. Concert Committee at the City Hall last year, and at the weekly sing-songs at the "Cheer O' Y.M.C.A. can well testify.

### "Good Spirits."

A writer in the "Straits Times" thirteen years ago wrote of the Misses Woods: "They enjoy singing and dancing and throughout their performance carry the audience with them on the flood of their own unbounding good spirits." How true a description of "the girls" as true at the present time as it was those long years ago.

From the Straits Settlements, Mrs. Woods and her daughters

went to Shanghai in 1917, and were the first to introduce the Cabaret to Northern China, and later to Manchuria and Korea and Japan.

They also paid a visit to Vladivostok under the auspices of the American Red Cross, and entertained troops there for three months. Then they went back to Japan where they started to teach dancing on Armistice Day 1918.

### Local Activities.

The Woods are justly proud of the fact that at every one of their performances during the four years of the Great War, they contributed 20 per cent. of their takings to the War Funds, as well as the whole proceeds of the sale of their programmes. They possess a large book of receipts of which they are very proud, also a book of letters of appreciation from all parts of the East, where they certainly scored triumphs in their line of entertainment.

The doings of the Woods in Hong Kong are too well known to need recalling, as all know how Miss Aileen had thrown herself wholeheartedly into the task of entertaining the Servicemen far away from Home, earning for herself the well-deserved title of the "Soldiers' Sweetheart."

Whilst she was doing "this in Hong Kong, her sister, Miss Doris, was on a remarkably successful tour of the East with R. B. Salisbury's "Quaints" for one year playing principal roles, and on her return to Hong Kong entered with enthusiasm into the work of entertaining the lads.

The Misses Woods' final effort in aid of Earl Haig's Ex-Service Fund was the handsome sum of \$5,500.

—P. T. F. J.

### C.P.R. CHIEF.

MR. W. BAIRD'S APPOINTMENT  
AT MONTREAL.

Mr. William Baird, assistant European passenger manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, London, has been appointed steamship passenger traffic manager for the company, with headquarters in Montreal.

Mr. Baird commenced his steamship career in Glasgow in 1906, and within a few years was given charge of the entire passenger organisation for Scotland of the Allan Line. When the Canadian Pacific absorbed the line he was located for some years at Liverpool, in charge there of the passenger interests of the Canadian Pacific Co. In 1921 Mr. Baird was transferred to London as assistant European passenger manager.

Mr. Baird has travelled throughout Europe, Canada and the United States, and, on behalf of Sir George McLaren Brown, European general manager, has been entrusted at one time or another with negotiations with many European Governments. In 1926 he was appointed by the League of Nations to the committee of experts to formulate proposals for the better transit across Europe of overseas passengers.

Mr. Baird is well-known in international steamship passenger circles, and has represented the Canadian Pacific at many steamship passenger meetings throughout Europe. The emigration movement to Canada has been one of his special studies, in addition to the development of Trans-Atlantic tourist traffic.

London, May 26.—The Prime Minister, with Mrs. Baldwin, left London yesterday to spend the Whit weekend with the Duke of Portland. On Tuesday the Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin will return to London, and leave later for France for a tour of the Eastern battlefields.—British Wireless Service.

The recent fighting between Fan Chung-hsi's forces and General Feng Yu-shiang's troops will be settled through the mediation of General Li Tsung-jen. It is understood that General Fan's troops will be reorganised under the Government and will be sent north to participate in the expedition.

### WHO IS "FEMINA"?

Who is "Femina," the local enigma  
Whom knees and dogs and smokes offend—  
Exists a lass who'd go so far?  
One such I've never kenned.

But in journals three she's had a spree;  
Prays—bless her—she really meant't—  
Though till the lady I do see  
What, I ask, is in it?

So come, sweet one, let's at once be done  
With myst'ry, doubt and diverse fears  
You must admit you've had your fun—  
Now feast my eager ears.

Reveal a peek to a lad who'd seek  
One like thy dear, sweet self as mate—  
Cos if you're hauled before a beak  
I'm 'frail I cannot wait.

—Suspectus.

### "THAT'S MY DADDY."

REGINALD DENNY IN NEW  
FEATURE ROLL.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

The popular British boxer-star, Reginald Denny, is being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day, for final showing in his latest role, "That's My Daddy."

An exhilarating story, where fun and laughter predominate, it has also it's sadder and more touching scenes, dealing with the life of a wealthy young bachelor, who through speeding along the road to keep an appointment, is caught in a speed trap. To avoid it says he is going to the bedside of his child who has met with an accident.

Amusing situations develop and his stupid and ignorance of children bring about complications, leading to a thrilling climax.

The picture has a swing throughout, never dragging, and the cast includes a big selection of notable stars, making the film the success it is. Winsome, little Barbara Kent plays opposite Denny as nurse, supported by Lillian Rich as Reginald's intended fiancée. Tom O'Brien fills the role of traffic cop splendidly, while Pudge, the girl, plays as Denny's daughter, exceeding well.

### LAURA LA PLANTE.

A CAPITAL NEW COMEDY.  
"COMING."

Laura La Plante's latest picture, "Finders Keepers," comes to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday next for three days, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Adapted from the entertaining magazine story by Mary Roberts Rinehart, "Finders Keepers" is said to be the famous blonde star's most sparkling picture to date. The story concerns a colonel's daughter who sneaks into camp in uniform to marry her soldier sweetheart just before he sails for France. She is soon by the overpowering sergeant who thinks she is a missing recruit and hustles her into a general parade with extraordinarily comical results. John Harron plays opposite Miss La Plante, while others in the cast include Edmund Breese, Arthur Rankin, William Gorman and Joe Mack. The picture was produced by Wesley Ruggles, who has been identified with many of Laura La Plante's other big comedy successes.

### ACTORS' FUND.

A MONEY-RAISING  
ASSET.

Except during war time, there has been a rule banning women from the executive committee of the Actors' Benevolent Fund. Whether this rule should be broken was discussed at a meeting of the fund at the New Theatre, W.C., when Sir Gerald du Maurier said:

It is simply too absurd that we should have no women on this committee when it is a fact that they are the most popular and the biggest draw in the theatres to-day.

They have established their strength in Parliament, Law, and nearly every other profession, and apart from their charm and brains, they are a decided asset on the money-raising side, so that we cannot afford to be without them. Therefore I want to do all I possibly can to uphold the weaker sex. Break the rule; rules are made to be broken.

On the suggestion of Lady Wyndham who presided, a resolution was drawn up for the next meeting, requesting that members of the committee who seldom attended should resign and women members be elected in their place. Dame Madge Kendal advocated "one huge machine" to raise £3,000 or £4,000.

### TEASERS.

Answer The "China  
Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer, but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page nine.

1. How old is Marshal Foch?
2. When was the British Academy founded?
3. Who is the President?
4. Who is the British heavy-weight boxing champion?
5. And before him?
6. Where was Mary Pickford born?



## NEW CHURCH.

## ALL SAINTS' AT HOMUNTIN.

## THE CONSECRATION.

On Saturday afternoon His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria consecrated the new All Saints Church for Chinese at Homuntin.

The splendid new edifice was filled with a very large congregation of Chinese faithful, many of whom went over from Hong Kong to attend the consecration ceremony.

Long before 3 p.m., the hour fixed for the ceremony, both the body of the Church and the gallery above were packed, the attendance including a very large number of Chinese ladies, some of whom, members of the younger generation, formed part of the choir, one young lady presiding at the organ.

## The Procession.

The procession formed up outside the Church, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Duppy being preceded by his Chaplain, the Rev. N. V. Halward, who carried the Bishop's Staff.

Following the Bishop came in pairs the Very Rev. Dean A. Swan, the Rev. Arch Deacon Mok Shau-tsang, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. C. J. Blanchard, the Rev. Lee Kuan-yan, the Rev. Tso See-kai and the Rev. Tsang Kei-nok, Pastor of the new Church. The Church Wardens were behind the Clergy.

## Bishop's Chaplain.

In front of the Bishop's Chaplain walked the male members of the Church Choir, the whole procession being headed by the bearer of a large golden cross.

The procession walked to the west door of the Church, the chorists singing the hymn "The Church's One Foundation."

## The Western Door.

Outside the west door of the Church, which was closed, the Church Wardens presented a petition to the Bishop begging him to consecrate the Church. The Bishop then knocked three times upon the west door, which was then opened, and the Bishop entered.

Prayers were said just inside the west door, after which the Bishop, following by the Choir and Clergy proceeded up the central aisle to the altar chanting Psalm XXIV. "The earth is the Lord's."

The Bishop then sat in his chair, and there received the instruments of donation and endowment which he placed upon the Holy Table.

After some prayers had been said, the Bishop and Clergy proceeded to the Font whilst the Choir sang "We love the place, O God." At the Font, prayers were said by the Rev. Lee and the Bishop, and then Dr. Duppy placed his hand on the Font, the Choir and Congregation singing "We love the sacred Font."

At the chancel steps more prayers were said alternately by the Rev. Lee and the Bishop, and then the Choir and Congregation sang "It is the house of prayer."

The Pastor, the Rev. Tsang, led prayers at the Prayer Desk, at the Lectern and at the Pulpit. At the Prayer Desk "We love The Word of life" was sung, and at the Pulpit "We love to sing below."

Then the Rev. Mok led prayer at the Choir Stalls and at the Holy Table alternating with the Bishop. "We love Thine Altar, Lord" and "Lord Jesus, give us grace" were sung.

## Consecration Pronounced.

The Bishop then solemnly pronounced the Consecration with the people kneeling. Dr. Duppy then turned to the Holy Table and offered up a short prayer, and the Te Deum, The Apostles' Creed and The Anthem followed.

Bishop Duppy then addressed the congregation in English, which was translated into Chinese by the Rev. Tso.

## The House of God.

His Lordship said:—The Bishop of Victoria, prefaced his remarks with a text from Genesis 28:17, "This is none other than the house of God," and said:—

1. The dedication of a church:—We have come here to-day to dedicate this church; to offer it to God for His use; to pray that this building may be truly a house of God and a gate of heaven to many people; and that from this Church a ladder may, as it were, be set up to heaven and the angels of God ascend and descend continually; a place where people offer their prayers and worship to God, and where God, because His mercy endures for ever, hears our prayers and receives our worship.

This church, set here in the midst of this busy place, is to remind us of God's care for each one of us and of His interest in our daily life.

Here parents will, with hearts full of hope, bring their little children to receive God's blessing in baptism and will pledge themselves to bring them up in Christ's way.

Here people will come to receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, confirmation and to feed on Him, who is the Bread of Life, in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here again those who are to tread life's way together in marriage will come for God's blessing on their lives.

And here at the end our dead will be brought to be left in God's keeping in the glad assurance of the resurrection to Eternal Life.

How many hopes centre round a church like this, and what a blessing it may be in our midst!

So we pray to-day that the glory of the Lord will fill this house of God as it did the Tabernacle of old or the Temple which Solomon built.

II. Bethel—God is everywhere but God chooses special places to reveal Himself.—But let us not forget that the words "This is the house of God" were not used in the

sense among them—the place where God met with them.

IV. The Temple.—Let us now turn our thoughts to another House of God. King David wanted to build a House of God. It was the ambition of his life to build one. He collected all the materials together. We have a very moving description of this in the last chapter of the first book of Chronicles.

David himself gave liberally and the people gave liberally and we are told that the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly and David the King also rejoiced with great joy and David said to all the congregation "Now bless the Lord your God."

But though David collected the material for the temple, it was Solomon who built it. The building took seven years and the feast of the dedication lasted a fortnight.

You will find a wonderful ac-

We in our day have privileges which could never have been enjoyed either in the Tabernacle or Temple worship.

For God has fulfilled his promise to pour out his spirit upon all flesh. Christ has opened the way into the holiest for us all and His house is becoming more and more a house of prayer for all nations.

Our little Church of All Saints Homuntin is as nothing in grandeur to the Temple of Solomon but it is a witness to the fact that we all of whatever race and station, may come with boldness to the Throne of Grace, that we are His people and He is our God and that we all may know Him from the least to the greatest.

VI. Church Building in this Diocese.—This leads me to say a word about Church building in this diocese.

The first church to be built in this diocese was the Cathedral. That was in 1846, four years before there was a Bishop of our Church in China at all.

Then followed in 1849 St. Paul's College Chapel which now serves as the Bishop's private chapel. I think it says much for the foresight of the Rev. Vincent Stanton that he saw at the outset the need for building, in addition to the Cathedral, a place where men could be trained for the ministry—for that was the intention of St. Paul's College.

The first Christ Church, Sharncliffe was built in 1849 and St. Peter's in 1871. It was not till 1885 that the first distinctively Chinese Church was built in connection with what is now the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui. This was the old St. Stephen's in New Street. This had to be pulled down for street improvements and in 1892 the present church at West Point was built.

Then in 1900 and 1902 All Saints, Yau-mat and Holy Trinity, Kowloon were built, being the first churches of our communion to be erected this side of the harbour.

In 1907 St. Luke's, Pakhoi, was consecrated and in 1911 the present St. Paul's College Chapel and Chinese Church; in 1913, St. Mary's, Causeway Bay; in 1915 St. Barnabas' Limchow; in 1916 St. John's, Yunnanfu; and in 1922 the Church of Our Saviour, Canton.

If to some of you it seems as if the Chinese Churches were at first slow to come the first St. Stephen's was not built till 40 years after the Cathedral the reason I suppose is simply because there were not in those days the Chinese Christians to fill them. Eighty years ago when the Cathedral was built I expect you could count the Chinese Christians of our communion on your fingers. But once the work of building Chinese churches began, it has gone on steadily and I think steady growth is the best. There is still much to be done and not least in a growing place like Kowloon, and what we must do is to press on steadily in faith.

VII. A House of God not made with hands.—What I want to remind you of as I conclude is that what matters is not the splendour of material buildings, these soon decay—though of course we must do all we can to make the houses of God beautiful—to worship Him in the beauty of holiness—what matters is that our churches should place, this is the House of God, and man. Places of which men may say—Surely the Lord is in this place this is the House of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Places where God fulfils His Word to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and where all shall know Him from the least even to the greatest, where God who is Spirit is worshipped in spirit and in truth.

These earthly houses of worship are but witnesses to us that the things which are seen are temporal and the things which are not seen are eternal: that we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Blessing Pronounced.

After the address, a Collection was taken, followed by the hymn "At the Name of Jesus."

The Bishop then pronounced the Blessing, and then the ceremony was concluded with the singing of the recessional hymn "Now thank we our God."

Afterwards the procession was formed up again and walked out of the Church through the side door to the right of the altar.

The new Church, a picture of which is reproduced, cost \$30,000, the major portion of which money had already been raised by voluntary subscriptions from residents of the Colony, the donors representing several nationalities.

A further sum of \$5,000 is still required to cover the cost of the new Church, whilst more money will have to be raised for the building of the Pastor's House in the grounds of the new Church, a site for which had been reserved and work will begin as soon as funds are available.

At present the Pastor, the Rev. Tsang, is living in his quarters at the old Church, some distance away at the corner of Nathan-road and Pitts-street.

The Architects of the new Church, the foundation of which was laid in July last year, are Messrs. Leigh and Orange, whilst the contractors are Messrs. Lam Woo.

## STAINED GLASS.

## NEW WINDOWS IN R.C. CATHEDRAL.

## "THE LITTLE FLOWER."

Four new stained glass windows have just been completed at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenaele. They are situated to the left of the Main Altar, and represent excellent artistic workmanship.

Two of the windows were erected in memory of the deceased wives of two well-known members of the congregation, a third was presented by Mr. Samuel Burchill, whilst the other was subscribed for by members of the Catholic community.

The window presented by Mr. Burchill, to the right of the group, bears a representation of Christ blessing the bread and wine, with the Apostle John sitting by his side.

The two "In Memoriam" windows, which are in the middle, bear representations of St. Catharina Virgo Senensis, (in memory of Agostinha Fernandez), and of St. Paschalis Baylon (in memory of Severina Dixon).

The fourth, on the other flank, which was presented by the community, is a representation of St. Theresa, "The Little Flower," kneeling in front of an apparition of Christ standing on a cloud.

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## NOTICE.

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Secretary.



The Bishop.

first instance of any earthly building at all.

Jacob was alone in a solitary place and he dreamed his dream of the ladder set up to heaven and of the angels of God ascending and descending upon it as he lay in the open with stones for his pillow.

And God came to Jacob in his dream and when he awoke he said "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not" and he said "This is the House of God and this is the gate of heaven."

Yes, God is everywhere and he uses dreams and many other means to bring men near Him.

But God does choose special places in which to reveal Himself and to set His name there.

It will help us, I think, this consecration service to-day if we recall some of these places.

III. The Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting.—First there was the Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting as it was called where God used to meet with the children of Israel in their journeyings.

When they came to a stopping place Moses used to take the Tent and pitch it afar off from the camp and he called it the Tent of Meeting. People used to go out to that tent to meet God and it was this meeting with God that made the children of Israel so great.

We read that when Moses made the Tabernacle the people offered their gifts so freely that too much was brought and Moses had to give command "Let neither man nor woman make any more offering for the work of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing as the stuff was sufficient for all the work to make it and too much" (Exodus 36: 6, 7).

And we are told too that the cloud, the token of God's presence, covered the Tent of Meeting and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:34).

God is everywhere but to the children of Israel in their wanderings the Tabernacle is for them the House of God and the gate of heaven, the symbol of God's pre-

sence among them—the place where God met with them.

count of the dedication in 1 Kings 8 and 11 Chronicles 5. There we are told of the way crowded congregations sang praises to God and kept chanting "The Lord is good, His mercy endureth for ever." And we are told again that the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

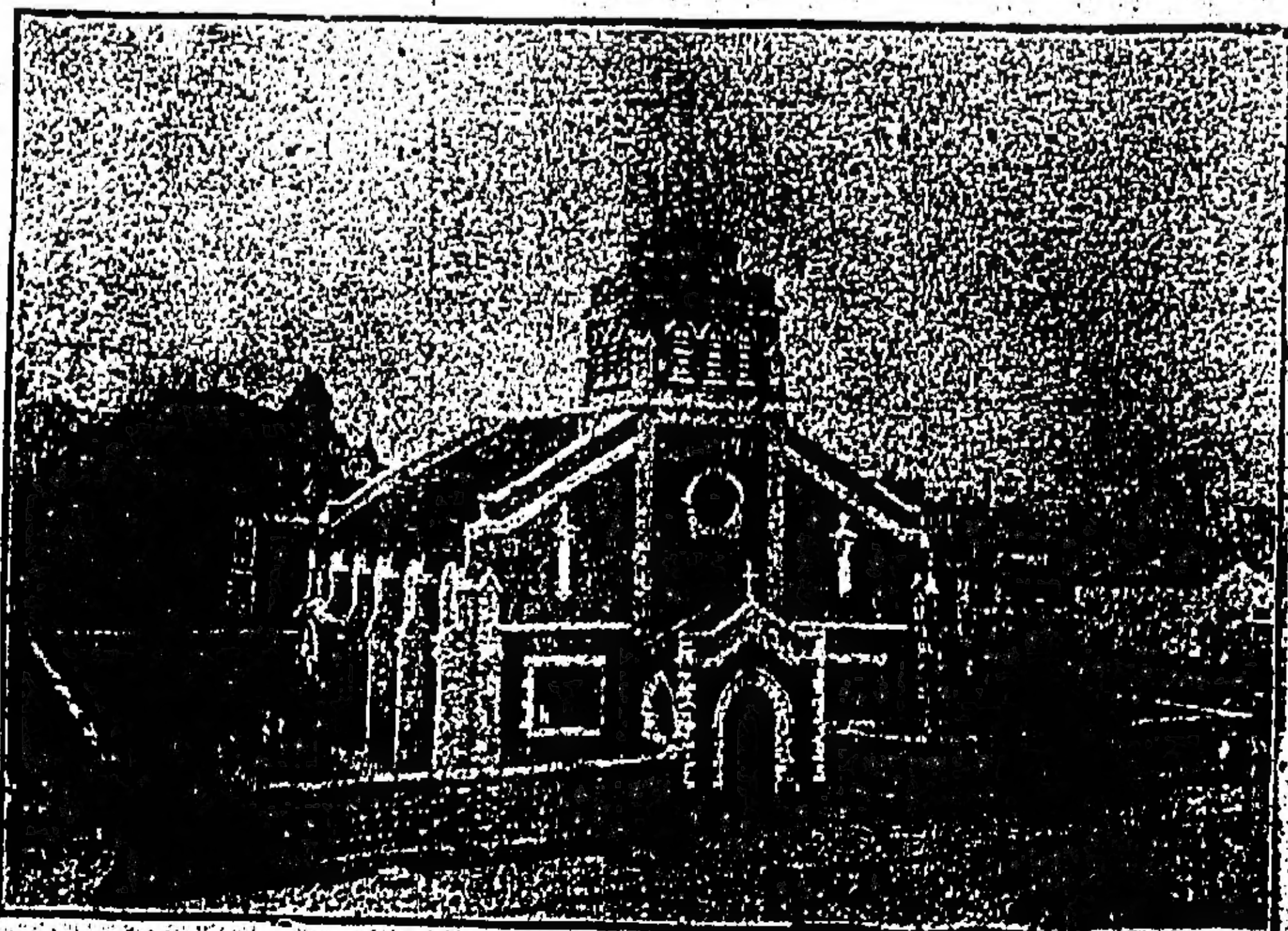
Filled the House of the Lord.

The temple of Solomon was magnificent: it stood till the time of King Nebuchadnezzar when it was burnt to the ground, after it had stood about four hundred years.

Sixty-seven years later, in the days when Confucius was living here in China, Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple on its ancient site. The people of the day, we are told, were building very nice houses for themselves but they had no house of God and they were getting to have none. Zerubbabel and the prophet, Haggai, saw the danger of this and they got the people together and stirred them up to rebuild God's house. The building took four years and we are told how the people kept the feast of dedication with joy (Ezra 6:16) and also of God's promise that He would fill this house also with His glory.

V. Lessons from the Tabernacle and the Temple.—As we think of the Tabernacle and the Temple two lessons stand out clearly: (1) These Jews were right in trying to put God first in their national life and it was this that made them great. Because they did this God revealed Himself to them as to other people upon the earth. (2) But their temple worship pointed on to something better: to a fuller revelation of God.

The Temple by its very structure bore witness to the facts, first, that the way into the holiest was not yet opened, that man did not have full and free approach to the Presence of God because the Mediator, Christ Jesus, had not yet come and secondly that God's house had not yet really become a house of prayer for all nations.



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In his thatched cottage overlooking the Purley Downs, Commander Daniel spoke to an interviewer recently of his impending separation with the Navy. "It is only the greatest regret that I have decided to leave the fleet," he said. "Before I took my decision I moved any possible doubt as regards my prospects of future promotion. I would have clung to any hope that remained to me. But there was none, therefore I was obliged to become a longshoreman. I am keeping a sharp look-out for an opening in industry either in England or abroad in the colonies. Were my financial resources greater than they are, I would appeal to me more strongly. "As regards an opening in industry, many naval officers are able as myself have had difficulty in the past in securing billets for their retirement. However, I am very hopeful." Asked whether he was retiring because he knew that he would not be reinstated in his former post or because if he was reinstated he would be obliged to undergo promotion, Commander Daniel replied: "I feel that such an argument as the Admiralty could offer would be distasteful to me." There are many billets, Commanders that are not on the list and in fact "the vacancies are extremely few."

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# Sport Columns

## INTERPORT CRICKET.

### RESULT OF FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

#### HAYWARD TOP SCORER.

The Interport cricket test between Shanghai and Hong Kong opened in hot and sunny weather. The wicket, though good, entirely favoured the bowlers, though the surface was somewhat sticky owing to the rain.

At the close of the first day's play in the Interport cricket match which commenced on Saturday at Shanghai, Hong Kong were 22 runs behind with two wickets to fall.

Shanghai had first knock and compiled 130 against fairly easy bowling. Stokes being top scorer with 37. Hong Kong were fortunate in getting Capt. Barrett's wicket for only 25 but Dr. O'Hara, last man in, contributed a valuable 19 not out.

The visitors' prospects were very bright up to the ten interval as only three wickets had fallen for 50 (Hayward 25 not out). At this stage it appears that wickets fell fairly rapidly, as when stumps were drawn, Hong Kong's score stood at 103 for 8, Hayward having made 42—the highest individual score on either side.

Congratulations to our wicket-keeper Jex, who kept splendidly. He gave away only 8 byes and took three catches behind the stumps when Shanghai's total was 86 for 4.

Shanghai—1st Innings.  
D. W. Leach, c and b Erskine 15  
M. J. Divecha, c Jex, b Musson 5  
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, c Jex, b Erskine 25  
Lt. Malsome, c Jex, b Reynolds 1  
L. F. Stokes, lb.w., Musson 37  
J. A. Quayle, c Hancock 11  
Erskine 7  
W. Palmer, c Jex, b Erskine 7  
Sgt. Freshwater, c Hancock, b Musson 7  
J. A. Isaacs, c Hayward, b Musson 0  
E. C. Barnes, run out 0  
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, not out 19  
Extras 8

Total ..... 130  
Bowling Analysis.  
Erskine ..... 4 for 35  
Musson ..... 4 for 42  
Reynolds ..... 1 for 22

Hong Kong—1st Innings.  
A. W. Hayward, c and b O'Hara 42  
E. C. Fincher, b Isaacs 8  
Rev. E. K. Quick, lb.w., O'Hara 4  
Capt. A. N. Reynolds, c Freshwater, b Isaacs 6  
Musson, c and b Leach 8  
Owen Hughes, c Palmer, b O'Hara 11  
Ramsay, b Leach 6  
Hancock, not out 7  
Sayer, b Isaacs 7  
Extras 9

Total (for eight) ..... 108  
BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Isaacs ..... 21 5 55 3  
Freshwater ..... 9 3 8 0  
O'Hara ..... 21 14 16 3  
Leach ..... 10 4 20 2

While Jex gave an excellent exhibition of wicketkeeping, Hayward played a first-class innings which featured a long duel with Dr. O'Hara, who finally got him out with a catch which returned straight to his hands.

The fielding and bowling on both sides was good. Batmen were very cautious and play was very slow.

The match on the whole was uninteresting. Stumps were drawn at 6 p.m. Play continues to-day (Monday).—Reuter.

## HOUD RACING.

### SUCCESSFUL OPENING AT SHANGHAI.

#### SOCIAL EVENT.

Shanghai, Yesterday. One of the largest crowds seen at a sporting event in Shanghai, estimated at 10,000, last night witnessed the first greyhound race meeting staged east of Suez, which was held under the auspices of the Greyhound Racing Association of China. The meeting took the nature of a social event and was a great success, auguring well for the future of greyhound racing in China.—Reuter.

## OLYMPIC HOCKEY.

Amsterdam, Saturday. In the Olympic hockey final, India beat Holland by three goals to one, Germany gained the third place by beating Belgium 3-1. Belgium secured the fourth place.—Reuter.

Scotland's goalkeeper, J. D. Harkness, has informed the Queen's Park committee that he has decided to become a professional.

## BAD LUCK!

### RAIN AGAIN INTERFERES WITH TENNIS.

#### LOCAL LEAGUE TABLES.

Rain has again upset the tennis programme arranged for Saturday, this being the second Saturday in succession that not a single match could be played.

The official fixtures will not be re-arranged, but in order to bring the league to date, more mid-week and Sunday games will have to be played.

The Interport arrangements with Shanghai have been announced, all matches to be played on the Majestic Hotel courts. The fixtures are:—

Saturday, May 26:—Hong Kong Ladies v. Shanghai Ladies—one singles match and one doubles match.

Hong Kong v. Shanghai—one mixed doubles match.

Sunday, May 27:—Hong Kong Ladies v. Shanghai Ladies, one singles match.

Hong Kong Men v. Shanghai Men, one doubles match.

Monday, May 28:—Hong Kong Ladies v. Shanghai Ladies, one doubles match.

Hong Kong Men v. Shanghai Men, one singles match.

Tuesday, May 29:—Hong Kong Men v. Shanghai Men, one doubles match and one singles match.

Wednesday, May 30:—Hong Kong Ladies v. Shanghai Ladies, one singles match.

Hong Kong Men v. Shanghai Men, one singles match.

## S.C.A.A. DEFEAT THE M.B.K.

At King's Park yesterday the South China Athletic Association beat the M.B.K. in the "B" Division on their own courts by 23 games. Scores:—

Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung (S.C.A.A.):—  
beat Nakamura and Koyama 7-4  
lost to Fukumori and Uno 5-6  
beat Kackidama and Takahashi 9-2

Lee Wait-soi and Lee Woon-soi (S.C.A.A.):—  
beat Nakamura and Koyama 7-4  
beat Fukumori and Uno 6-5  
beat Kackidama and Takahashi 10-1

Chan So and Ho Wah-hing (S.C.A.A.):—  
lost to Nakamura and Koyama 8-8  
beat Fukumori and Uno 6-5  
beat Kackidama and Takahashi 8-3

(Total: S.C.A.A. 61, M.B.K. 38).

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

"A" Division.  
Chinese R.C. .... 2 2 0 4  
Hong Kong C.C. .... 1 1 0 2  
M.B.K. .... 2 1 1 2  
Craigengower C.C. .... 2 1 1 2  
University .... 2 1 1 2  
Indian R.C. .... 1 0 1 0  
Kowloon C.C. .... 2 0 2 0

"B" Division.  
Recrelo .... 2 2 0 4  
Indian R.C. .... 2 2 0 4  
Chinese R.C. .... 2 2 0 4  
Hong Kong C.C. .... 1 1 0 2  
Nippon .... 2 1 1 2  
University .... 2 1 1 2  
M.B.K. .... 1 0 1 0  
Engineers .... 1 0 1 0  
Kowloon C.C. .... 2 0 2 0  
Craigengower C.C. .... 3 0 3 0  
South China A.A. .... 0 0 0 0

"C" Division.  
Chinese R.C.-1 .... 2 2 0 4  
Recrelo-2 .... 2 2 0 4  
South China A.A. .... 2 2 0 4  
Chinese R.C.-2 .... 2 2 0 4  
Kowloon C.C. .... 2 2 0 4  
R.A.M.C. .... 2 1 1 2  
Kennedy-rd. M.Q. .... 2 1 1 2  
Hong Kong C.C. .... 2 1 1 2  
Recrelo-1 .... 2 1 1 2  
Nippon .... 2 1 1 2  
Civil Service C.C. .... 2 1 1 2  
Kowloon I.T.C. .... 2 0 2 0  
R.A.O.C. .... 3 1 2 2  
Y.M.C.A. .... 2 0 2 0  
Filipino Club .... 2 0 2 0  
Indian R.C. .... 3 0 3 0

## MIXED DOUBLES.

Tournament at I.R.C. Next Month.

Saturday, June 16, will be a "Club" Day, when the American Mixed Doubles (Handicap) Tournament for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. R. Hancock, Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Tottenham, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Montreal, Yesterday. Toba and Abe (Japan) beat Wright and Ham 5-7, 2-6, 6-8, 6-4, 10-8.—Reuter's American Service.

## LAWN BOWLS.

### ALL MATCHES POSTPONED ON SATURDAY.

#### WEATHER CLERK TO BLAME.

Local bowlers are bemoaning the fact that the Clerk of the Weather has been so inconsiderate during the last two weeks.

The weather had cleared up sufficiently in mid-week but a sudden change on Friday night and on Saturday literally "damped" all hopes of being able to spend the afternoon on the otherwise inviting bowling greens.

Another match was decided in the singles championship during the week. Russell defeated Lapsley on the ground of the K.B.G.C., the former obtaining the verdict on the last head.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.  
P. W. D. L. Pts.  
Craigengower C.C. .... 2 2 0 4  
Kowloon C.C. .... 1 1 0 2  
Kowloon Dock R.C. .... 2 1 0 2  
Kowloon B.G.C. .... 2 1 0 2  
Police R.C. .... 2 1 0 2  
Taikee R.C. .... 2 1 0 2  
Civil Service C.C. .... 2 0 2 0

Shots For and Against.  
For Agst. W. D. L. Pts.  
Craigengower C.C. .... 131 120 21 0  
Kowloon C.C. .... 63 51 17 0  
Kowloon D.R.C. .... 123 116 10 0  
Kowloon B.G.C. .... 120 121 0 1  
Police R.C. .... 117 121 0 1  
Taikee R.C. .... 48 64 0 16  
Civil Service C.C. .... 104 131 0 27

Division II.  
P. W. D. L. Pts.  
East Point R.C. .... 3 3 0 0 6  
Taikee R.C. .... 1 1 0 0 2  
Civil Service C.C. .... 1 1 0 0 2  
Recrelo "A" .... 2 1 0 1 2  
Craigengower C.C. .... 2 1 0 1 2  
Recrelo "B" .... 2 1 0 1 2  
Kowloon B.G.C. .... 3 1 0 2 2  
Yacht Club .... 2 0 2 0 2  
Kowloon C.C. .... 2 0 2 0 2

Shots For and Against.  
For Agst. W. D. L. Pts.  
Recrelo "A" .... 142 112 30 0  
East Point R.C. .... 187 164 23 0  
Kowloon B.G.C. .... 179 162 17 0  
Taikee R.C. .... 66 49 17 0  
Civil Service C.C. .... 64 53 11 0  
Recrelo "B" .... 107 117 0 10  
Craigengower C.C. .... 101 114 0 13  
Yacht Club .... 86 120 0 34  
Kowloon C.C. .... 93 134 0 41

ham and Mrs. Doyle (postponed on account of weather) will be held.

Entries to be made in Mixed pairs, before June 13, to Mrs. J. R. Craig, Hon. Secretary, Civil Hospital.

Players to provide their own balls. Play to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. Tea will be provided.

An Exhibition match (Men's Doubles) will also be played.

## HARD COURT TENNIS.

### SEMI-FINALS IN PARIS.

In the semi-finals of the Hard-court Tennis championships Mrs. Watson and Miss Eileen Bennett beat Miss Joan Fry and Miss Evelyn Colyer 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Mademoiselle Deve and Madame La Faurie beat Miss Betty Nethall and Mrs. Lycett 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles Play.  
Paris, Yesterday.  
In the final of the women's doubles champions Mesdames Watson and Bennett beat La Faurie and Deve 6-0, 6-2.

In the mixed semi-finals, Hunter and Miss Willis beat Hawkes and Miss Boyd (Australia) 6-3, 7-5.

Cochet and Miss Bennett beat Lacoste and Mlle. Bourgeois 6-4, 6-1. In the men's doubles, Borotra and Brugnon beat Landry and Thureysen 8-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Cochet and Debazelet beat Gregory and Kingsley 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.—Reuter.

## POOR SHOWING.

### THE INTERPORT TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Shanghai, Saturday. In the Interport tennis competition Mrs. Stafford Smith and Mrs. Van Haute (Shanghai) beat Lady Stuart-Taylor and Mrs. Tottenham (Hong Kong), 8-6, 7-5.

Mrs. Fischer (Shanghai) beat Miss Enid Lo, 6-3, 6-3.

Mrs. Pearson and Wade (Shanghai) beat Col. and Mrs. Tottenham, 6-4, 6-4.

## THE DAVIS CUP.

### UNITED STATES KNOCKS OUT CHINA.

Kansas City, Yesterday. The United States eliminated China from the Davis Cup competition Tilden and Coen, the latter only 16 years old, beat Lum and Kong in the doubles 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Montreal, Yesterday. Toba and Abe (Japan) beat Wright and Ham 5-7, 2-6, 6-8, 6-4, 10-8.—Reuter's American Service.

## V.R.C. "AT HOME."

### NIGHT OF SWIMMING AND DANCING.

#### GITTINS WIN 50 YDS.

The Victoria Recreation Club held an "at home" on Saturday night for the members and their friends but owing to the rain it did not attract the attendance usually seen at these events.

The "at home" commenced with the swimming. Originally three events were put down, but only two were contested as there were no competitors for the other (diving).

The opening event was the 50 yds. handicap which attracted a fair group of competitors as there had to be two heats. The finals were very keenly contested and S. V. Gittins had a very hard fight to capture the first place from Mr. L. Roza Pereira. The time was 29 seconds.

The next event was the water polo game. This also was a very interesting event. The teams were "White"—Mr. Eavis, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Zimmermann, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Victor, Mr. Liang and Mr. Roza Pereira. "Blues"—Mr. Howard, Mr. Soares, Mr. Woll, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Gittins, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Fornal.

Play was very evenly contested as both sides had a very good forward line. Victor ("White") was the first to draw blood by a fine backhand throw a few minutes after the opening of the game. The "Blues" scored in turn through Lyon who, on receiving the ball from a pass, netted in good style.

The "Blues" were hard pressed after this and the "Whites" soon got the lead again through Liang, who scored in a melee at the goal mouth. The second half of the game was interesting as the "Blues" went all out to get an equalizer, but the defence put up by the "Whites" had them guessing.

After a while the "Whites" scored again and this time Zimmermann did the trick. The game carried on in ding dong style with both sides doing their best to net. Well of the "Blues" got his opportunity when the ball was passed to him, and he made a solo dash down the tank and netted. The game soon closed after this. Score:—"Whites" 3, "Blues" 2.

After the swimming members and their friends enjoyed the dancing in the Club hall, the music being provided by the "Talyo Maru" four piece orchestra.

## BASEBALL IN U.S.A.

### AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

New York, Saturday. National League.

Saturday:  
St. Louis 3, New York 4.  
Cincinnati 0, Brooklyn 2.  
Chicago 3, Boston 2.  
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1.

Sunday:  
St. Louis 3, New York 5.  
St. Louis 2, New York 1.  
Brooklyn 11, Philadelphia 4.  
Chicago 3, Boston 4.  
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2.

Monday:  
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3.  
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 6.  
St. Louis 8, Chicago 7.

Tuesday:  
Brooklyn 5, New York 9.  
Boston 3, Philadelphia 1.  
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4.  
St. Louis 3, Chicago 2.

Wednesday:  
Brooklyn 4, New York 3.  
Brooklyn 0, New York 4.  
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3.

Thursday:  
Brooklyn 3, New York 0.  
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 1.  
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 2.

Friday:  
New York 4, Philadelphia 3.  
Brooklyn 4, Boston 1.  
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 10.  
St. Louis 0, Cincinnati 2.  
American League.

Saturday:  
Philadelphia 2, Chicago 0.  
Washington 7, Cleveland 9.

Sunday:  
New York 9, St. Louis 3.  
Detroit 2, Chicago 1.  
Washington 3, Cleveland 4.

Monday:  
New York 4, Boston 3.  
New York 3, Boston 2.  
Philadelphia 4, Washington 3.  
Philadelphia 2, Washington 1.

Tuesday:  
New York 14, Boston 4.  
Philadelphia 7, Washington 6.  
Chicago 4, Cleveland 3.  
Detroit 6, St. Louis 3.

Wednesday:  
New York 2, Boston 1.  
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2.  
Chicago 4, Cleveland 8.  
Detroit 3, St. Louis 8.

Thursday:  
Philadelphia 7, New York 9.  
Philadelphia 5, New York 3.  
Cleveland 9, St. Louis 12.  
Chicago 4, Detroit 6.

Friday:  
Philadelphia 2, New York 4.  
Philadelphia 2, New York 3.  
Boston 5, Washington 0.  
Chicago 1, Detroit 0.  
Cleveland 3, St. Louis 4.  
—Reuter's American Service.

## OLYMPIC GAMES.

### ARTICLES BY FRED. W. PARKER.

#### AMERICA'S ZEAL.

In drawing up the programme of events for the first revival of the Games at Athens it was only to be expected that it should be largely on the lines of the original contests held centuries before the Roman conquest of Britain. Later development has added to the Olympic programme many events scarcely in keeping with the "revival" idea.

Clay-pigeon and revolver shooting, lawn tennis, and cycling are a few instances. Obviously the ancient Greeks knew nothing of these. And none of the more modern forms of sport found place at Athens in 1896.

Even boxing, which represents the ancient cestus bouts, was omitted, although the time-honoured wrestling (in the Græco-Roman style) was included.

The "What-is-It?" Quite probably discuss throwing would have remained a lost art if the Olympic revival had been staged anywhere but at Athens. It was probably included for reasons of sentiment, for the natives themselves proved to be very inept with the implement.

Tradition tells us that a son of Zeus was killed by a discus maliciously directed from its course by "Zeus, the god of winds, although some translators assert the fatal instrument is a quail.

It is a very material which is the correct version, but it is evident that both forms of sport are extremely ancient, and that the gods themselves had something to learn in the ethics of sportsmanship.

In this country the discus remained unknown until 1906, when specimens were imported from Athens. It was usually referred to by our athletes as the "What-is-It?"

For the benefit of readers who have not seen a discus at close quarters I may add that the official weight is 4.4lb., it is 8.7in. in diameter, and is made of wood, with a smooth iron rim, and has a metal disc in the centre.

America's Enthusiasm. Judged by present-day standards the all-round performances at Athens were poor; the poorest of the whole series in every instance. There are reasons for this.

Entries were by no means representative. There was no organisation, and comparatively few countries took part. But the good work was done. The acorn had been planted, and the Olympic oak which sprang therefrom is now a mighty one.

With characteristic enterprise, America sent by far the strongest contingent, although her representatives had to travel at least three times as far as any of her rivals. Her reward was proportionate.

Here is a brief list of her victories, with the winning performances:—100 metres, T. E. Burke, 12sec.; 400 metres, Burke, 54 1/2sec.; high jump, E. W. Clark, 5ft. 11 1/2in.; long jump, Clark, 20ft. 9 1/2in.; 110 metres, hurdles, Curtis, 17 3/5sec.; hop, step and jump, Connelly, 45ft.; pole jump, Hoyt, 10ft. 9 1/2in.; weight, Garrett, 36ft. 2in.

Garrett also won the discus (free style) with no more than 95ft. 7in. In the more restricted Greek style, in which the discus is

## LONG RUNNING.

### THE WINDSOR-LONDON RACE.

#### R.A.F. WINNER.

London, Saturday. The Polytechnic Harriers' open marathon race from Windsor to London, finishing at Stamford Bridge, was run to-day, the distance being 26 miles and 385 yards. There were 85 starters.

The winner was J. Ferris (Air Force), whose time was 2 hrs., 41 mins. 2 1/5 secs.

The runner-up was S. Jones (Cambridge Harriers), who completed the race in 2 hrs. 50 mins. 59 2/5 secs., while the third man home was H. Bignall (Highgate Harriers), whose time was 2 hrs. 53 mins. 4 3/5 secs.

This is Ferris's fourth consecutive win and constitutes a record for the race.—Reuter.

thrown from a sloping pedestal, a native of Finland took the wreath with a throw of over 115ft.

Britain had but few to carry her colours at Athens. E. H. Flack, of the L.A.C., won the 800 metres in 2min. 11sec.; and the 1,500 in 4min. 33sec., times which plainly show the weakness of the opposition.

Our one other winner was Lancelot Elliott, who secured the one-hand weight lifting with 166lb.

To the unbounded delight of all Greece the historic Marathon race was won by a native (Louis) in the good time of 2hr. 55min. The only other events won by Greeks were two which have never since appeared in an Olympic programme: Throwing the 14lb. stone, with follow, and the rope climbing.

Few British Successes. The second Olympic festival coincided with the Paris Exhibition of 1900. There was the debt of gratitude to Baron de Coubertin, two excellent reasons for selecting the French capital as the venue.

"Olympic Games" was still an unknown term in this country, and the Paris reunion was merely "the World's Championships" to us.

Again our American cousins played the leading hand. The great Kraenzlein raised three winning flags: Sixty metres (say 6 1/2 yards) in 7sec.; hurdles, 15 2-5sec.; and long jump, 23ft. 7in.

Jarvis took the 100m. in 10 4-5; Maxwell Long the 400 in 49 2-5; Tewkesbury the 200 flat and the 40 hurdles; Baxter won high and pole jumps, Sheldon put the shot ten feet further than his successful compatriot at Athens, and Flanagan won the hammer.

America also had other wins in events of lesser importance. But her triumph was complete.

For Britain Alfred Tysoe won the 800 metres, and the great flat and cross-country champion Charles Bennett (whom a special correspondent of "that smart 'sprinter'" carried off the 1,500).

Britain thus repeated the two successes at Athens. America had not then seriously tackled the longer distances. That was soon to follow!

France's one success was in the Marathon race. Track athletics on the Continent were then in the embryo stage. Less than 20 years later they became more than a mere challenge to the monopoly so long held by the English-speaking nations.

## TEASERS.

### Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. 76.
2. 1893.
3. Earl Balfour, K.G.
4. Phil Scott.
5. Frank Goddard.
6. At Toronto, 33 years ago.

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### HELL'S FURY.

WOMAN'S CAMPAIGN OF HATE.

#### LETTERS TO POLICE.

Angered because a man—an ex-convict striving to make good—spurned her advances and refused to associate with her, a young, attractive woman gave herself up to a wild campaign of revenge.

She tried hard to drag him back to the depths from which he had risen by revealing to those who honoured him as a hard-working citizen, the past he was trying to forget, and spread abroad a scurrilous tissue of falsehood calculated to bring ruin and despair in its wake.

At last, secure in his conscience, the man sought the protection of the police, and faced his accuser in a public court of justice.

#### Contrasts.

It was a drama of life that was staged in the sombre surroundings of Leeds Assize Court. The two leading actors summed up the best and worst of human nature.

On the one side, a man struggling to redeem years of sin, anxious that his every action should be moulded by the good within him; on the other side, a woman, obsessed with the passion for revenge, caring nothing for vows of honesty and repentance, giving herself to the pangs of jealousy that consumed her soul, so that a fellow human being could say of her, "She is vile and wicked. She is a pest generally."

Harry Firth now knows that he did two wise things in the course of many unwise ones. The first was when he vowed to go straight; the second, when he went to the police—for he found that the men who were once his enemies, when he himself was an enemy of society, were now his friends, eager to stretch out a helping hand to a respectable citizen.

#### Laughed at Sentence.

This remarkable drama opened when Jessie Coates (31) stepped into the dock to face a charge of publishing a defamatory libel concerning Firth.

Not until she was found "Guilty" was her own unsavoury past revealed, and then Mr. Justice Finlay sentenced her to six months' imprisonment.

"Thank you, my lord," she cried, as she burst out laughing, and shouted "Splendid!"

In tones vibrant with indignation, prosecuting counsel, Mr. C. J. Frankland, said that in the past Harry Firth had lived a life of crime and had served terms of imprisonment totalling fifteen years.

When he was last released from prison, however, he vowed to go straight, and it was to his undying credit that since April, 1926, he had led an honest life and followed regular employment.

Firth, said counsel, obtained work as a joiner, and a few weeks later told the directors of the firm all the facts, and they decided to give him a chance and reposed trust in him, which had been justified. He was now a foreman with them.

In June, 1926, Firth met Jessie Coates, and had relations with her. After a few weeks he tried to break off the relationship, and Coates then began a campaign of vilification and abuse, doing her best to drag him down to the depths from which he had risen.

In May last year she sent a letter to his employers, in which she described Firth as a dangerous, deceitful, and plausible man, and also alleged that he had been living on her immoral earnings. The letter, said counsel, was a tissue of falsehoods.

Coates then visited Firth's employers, but the man had previously disclosed his past to them, and she was ordered away. Eventually the police had to be called in.

Later, Coates sent a letter to a firm at whose premises Firth was doing work, alleging that he had taken an impression of the lock of the firm's shop door with a view to a robbery by alleged associates. Coates set him down as being still a dangerous burglar.

Firth, in evidence, said he was released from Dartmoor in April, 1926, after serving three years' penal servitude. When he tried to

break off the acquaintance with the prisoner she began to molest him, and he had to call in the help of the police. She was bound over to keep the peace towards him. He denied the allegations she made against him, and said that he had kept to his vow to lead an honest life and make good.

Coates, in the witness-box, when asked where she was living, replied smiling: "Well, I've been living in Strangeways Gaol for the last fortnight."

She had lived with Firth as his wife, and, alleging that he had knocked her about, said: "I never went to the police. I used to bear it all because I loved him." Firth had never given her a penny. Asked if she had ever met Firth with old convicts, the prisoner said: "Yes, He used to say, 'That man is from Parkhurst,' or 'That one is an old crook' I have hidden crooks for him."

Referring to the allegation that Firth had made an impression of the lock of the shop door where he was employed, the prisoner alleged that she was with him when he did it, and that she held an umbrella over him.

#### Accusing Letter.

He threatened that if she told anyone he would bring her into it. She told him she would write to the Chief Constable, but she wrote to the firm instead. "Harry Firth is a dangerous burglar even to this day," she said.

She alleged that Firth had planned to break into other places, and added: "I always knew when he was going to break in anywhere."

She added, "He was always a burglar and always will be."

Mr. H. E. Arnholz, for the defence, said that the real issue to be decided was whether Coates or Firth were speaking the truth.

Firth said he had reformed, added counsel, but the prisoner said he was still a housebreaker and a leader of crime in Leeds. If that was so it was a good thing that these facts should come out.

Mr. C. J. Frankland said it was clear that it was the desire of Coates to hurt and push back to crime a man who was trying to escape from it.

The Judge said it was quite an exceptional case, and it was a case of some importance.

#### Woman's Own Past.

Coates was then found "Guilty," and Detective-Inspector Ketteringham said she was a native of Peterborough.

As a child, said the detective, she developed immoral habits, and at 14 years of age was sent to the House of Mercy at Chester. Afterwards she went to the House of Refuge at Stockport, thence to a home in Nottingham and afterwards to Kesterton, from which place she was discharged owing to her bad behaviour.

She returned to Peterborough, where she led an immoral life, and from October, 1912, till July, 1913, was in the Kesterton Asylum.

In August, 1916, she married a man named Frank Coates, and came to live at Leeds, where she continued her evil habits.

Since May, 1923, the Chief Constable of Leeds had received from her 110 letters, the Deputy Chief 12 letters, one superintendent 15, another superintendent 25, and other officers of police 25—a total of 187—making serious allegations (all of them unjustified) against the moral character of police officers.

She had also accused the police of having given information to ex-convicts, and particularly Harry Firth, calculated to shield them. There was no essence of truth in any of her allegations.

Since she was bailed out on the present charge, she had repeatedly written letters on lines embodied in the present charge. Firth, since 1926, had been working hard to retrieve his past, and this woman had done all she could to force him back into a life of crime.

Mr. Henry Waterman, of the U.S. Consular Service, and Mrs. Waterman, who have been transferred from Shanghai to Saigon, leave by the U.S.S. "Chaumont" for North China on a brief holiday and will return to Shanghai a few days before June 16, on which latter date they will sail for their new home.

### VIA SIBERIA.

13 DAYS TO LONDON INCLUDING 4 DAYS STOP AT HARBIN.

#### ALL QUITE SIMPLE.

The following letter was received from Mr. H. E. Morris, Shanghai, on his way Home via Siberia.

We are due in Moscow tomorrow, Monday, April 16, at 9.10 a.m., but we do not change trains until the following morning, when we reach Stobzy. One therefore has the same coupe all the way from Manchouli, which we left on the night of Monday, the 9th, until Stobzy, where we are due at 8.45 a.m., of the 17th instant. This and other little improvements have made travelling conditions pleasanter than on my previous trip in 1928. Everything is plain sailing to Harbin, and Shanghai, and here, with the 11th hour changes and alterations in traveller's places, there may be a certain amount of anxiety in connection with getting the precise accommodation one expected. The Grand Hotel management in Harbin fixes up one's train accommodation and also attends to one's Polish and Russian visas, (the Chinese and Japanese visas having been secured in Shanghai), and it is just as well that Shanghai travellers should know that the Grand Hotel in Harbin is owned by the Railway authorities.

The booking beyond Stobzy is also done in Harbin, and it should be noted that unless one stipulates for London via Warsaw, Berlin and Paris, one is booked via Warsaw, Berlin, Liege and Ostende, and so far as time is concerned, there is no difference between the two routes. Each should land us on this occasion in London (Victoria Station) at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, this trip therefore will have taken 19 days from Shanghai, of which four were spent in Harbin.

Obliging and Courteous. As the officials were most obliging and courteous in arranging all the details in connection with the journey and as the conductors and the attendants on the train did everything they could for the comfort and convenience of the passengers, this trip has certainly been a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

Herewith time table from Moscow to London:—

Arr. Moscow, 9.10 Monday.  
Dep. Moscow, 16.10 Monday.  
Arr. Stobzy, 8.45 Tuesday (change trains).  
Arr. Warsaw, 18.30 Tuesday.  
Dep. Warsaw, 20.45 Tuesday.  
Arr. Berlin, 9.21 Wednesday (change trains).  
Dep. Berlin, 9.46 Wednesday.  
Arr. Liege, 23.17 Wednesday.  
Dep. Liege, 23.32 Wednesday.  
Arr. Ostende, 8.26 Thursday.  
Dep. Dover, 14.28 Thursday.  
Dep. Dover, 14.45 Thursday.  
Arr. London, 16.30 Thursday.

#### SHANGHAI'S PARKS.

##### COMMENT ON THEIR CLOSURE AT SUNSET.

The following letter was last week sent to the Editor of the "N. C. Daily News":—

Sir,—Through the "Revised Regulations" published in the Municipal Gazette the Public Garden will be in future exclusively reserved for babies, unemployed and loafers—every hard-working man who cannot go out before sunset being automatically locked out from the parks, thanks to the wisdom of the Council.

I sincerely hope that your newspaper in defence of the interests of the citizens will use all the influence to convince the authorities in question that the Public Garden and the parks must be kept open in summer to midnight as before.

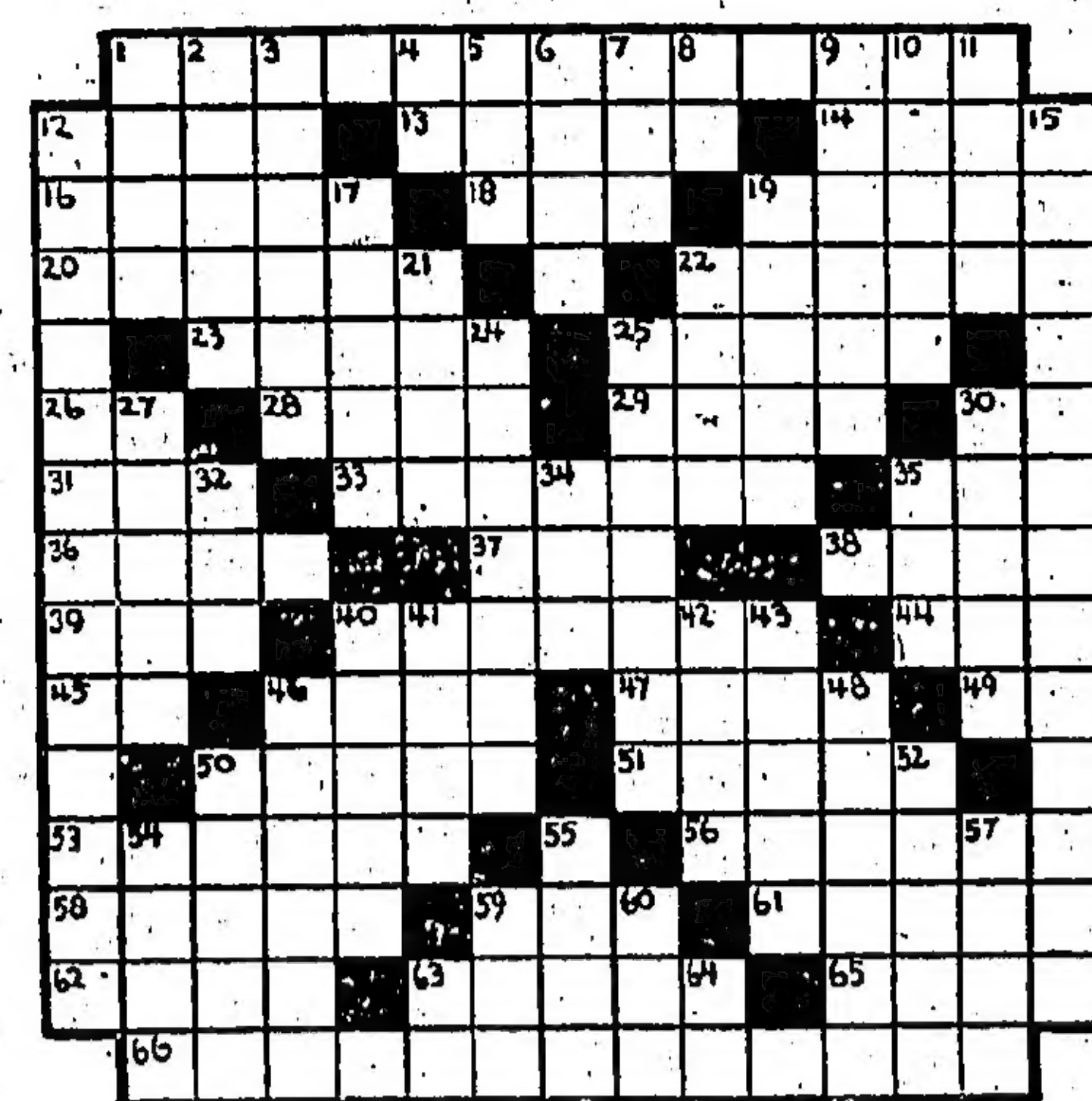
I am, etc.,

A. V. I. S.

Shanghai, May 19, 1928.

### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



#### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Calm
- 12—Victim of savage beast
- 13—Ward
- 14—Leap
- 15—Rises up bodily
- 16—Urges
- 17—A tropical animal
- 18—Peculiarity
- 19—Decline
- 20—Bend over
- 21—Notes
- 22—Toward the top
- 23—A nobleman
- 24—Consumes
- 25—Exclamation
- 26—Part of the face
- 27—Rippers
- 28—Adult males
- 29—Increase
- 30—National (abbr.)
- 31—Forward
- 32—Insect
- 33—Sailors' churches
- 34—A liquor
- 35—Toward
- 36—Uncommon
- 37—Farthest back

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38—Conjunction
- 39—Joy (post.)
- 40—Made safe
- 41—Prophecy
- 42—Cut again
- 43—Memos
- 44—Sheltered side
- 45—A flowering shrub
- 46—Bugs
- 47—Main artery
- 48—Nothing but
- 49—Quality of being necessary

#### VERTICAL

- 1—Angered
- 2—A liquor (pl.)
- 3—Iron-sulphur compound
- 4—Musical note
- 5—Golf term
- 6—Insects
- 7—A carriage
- 8—Exile
- 9—Propers
- 10—A stone
- 11—Put forth
- 12—Publications

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Superabundance
- 14—The terminus
- 15—Cloth dwellings
- 16—Olden time
- 17—Lion's salutation
- 18—Seeds
- 19—Seesaw
- 20—Musical instrument
- 21—A salutation
- 22—Deep hole
- 23—College yell
- 24—Extinct New Zealand bird
- 25—Gloves
- 26—Large lake
- 27—Shakespearean hero
- 28—Rescue
- 29—Intermission
- 30—Start over
- 31—Portals
- 32—Elderly women
- 33—Debauches
- 34—Fairy
- 35—Conflicts
- 36—Parcel of real estate
- 37—Greek letter
- 38—Archie
- 39—Man's name (short)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### COSTLY JEWELS.

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#### PEARLS & BRILLIANTS.

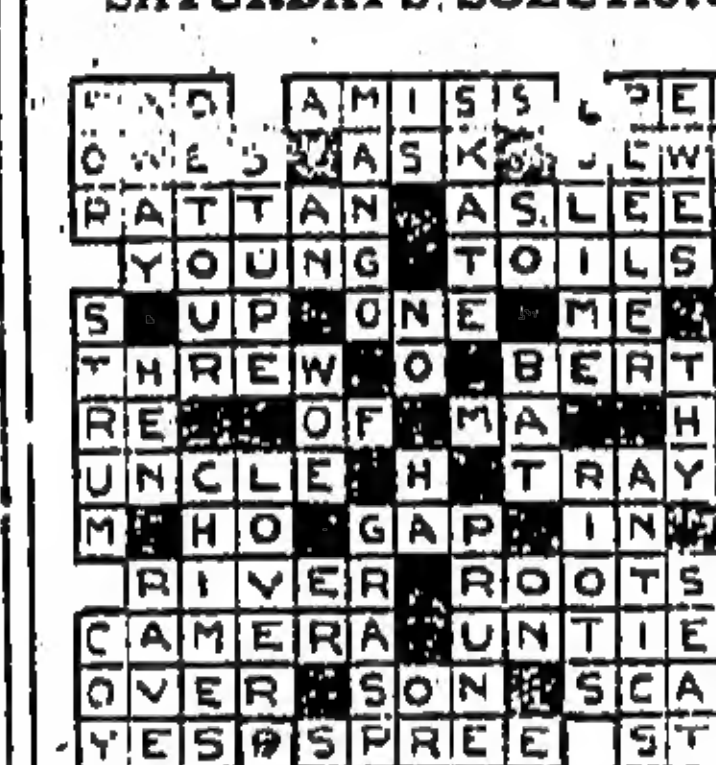
There is a true story of an ardent and eccentric pearl-lover who, after frequenting Christie's for many years, contrived to collect and pay for a \$100,000 rope of graduated pearls which he always wore himself "underneath a singlet," as he used to express it to his intimates. On his death three fine necklaces were strung from the rope, and became famous as \$50,000 pearl necklaces.

As every judge of gems knows, there are varieties of values, and a very good pearl necklace may be bought for about \$5,000. Such an example appeared at Christie's in a \$30,000 jewel sale, and was included in the property of the late Mrs. Kathleen Rickards. For this sound necklace of 69 graduated pearls Mr. S. H. Harris gave \$5,350; having paid \$720 for a collar of brilliants.

The big sum of \$1,850 was given by Mr. Ben Simon for a clover-leaf brooch of four large drop brilliants, and in Mrs. Rickards's casket was a ring of a single brilliant, \$1,440 (Janesich). Sent by a foreign nobleman, an emerald and brilliant necklace of a key-pattern brought \$4,600, and a two-row pearl necklace of 169 pearls, \$1,850 (Drummond).

A pair of portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds, P.R.A., of a sporting attorney and of his good lady (obviously the mistress in her house), for which the president was paid 70gs in 1776, brought 2,012 gs. at Puttick and Simpson's rooms and if now-a-days this sum appears modest, compared with some Reynolds valuations, it should be borne in mind

#### SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



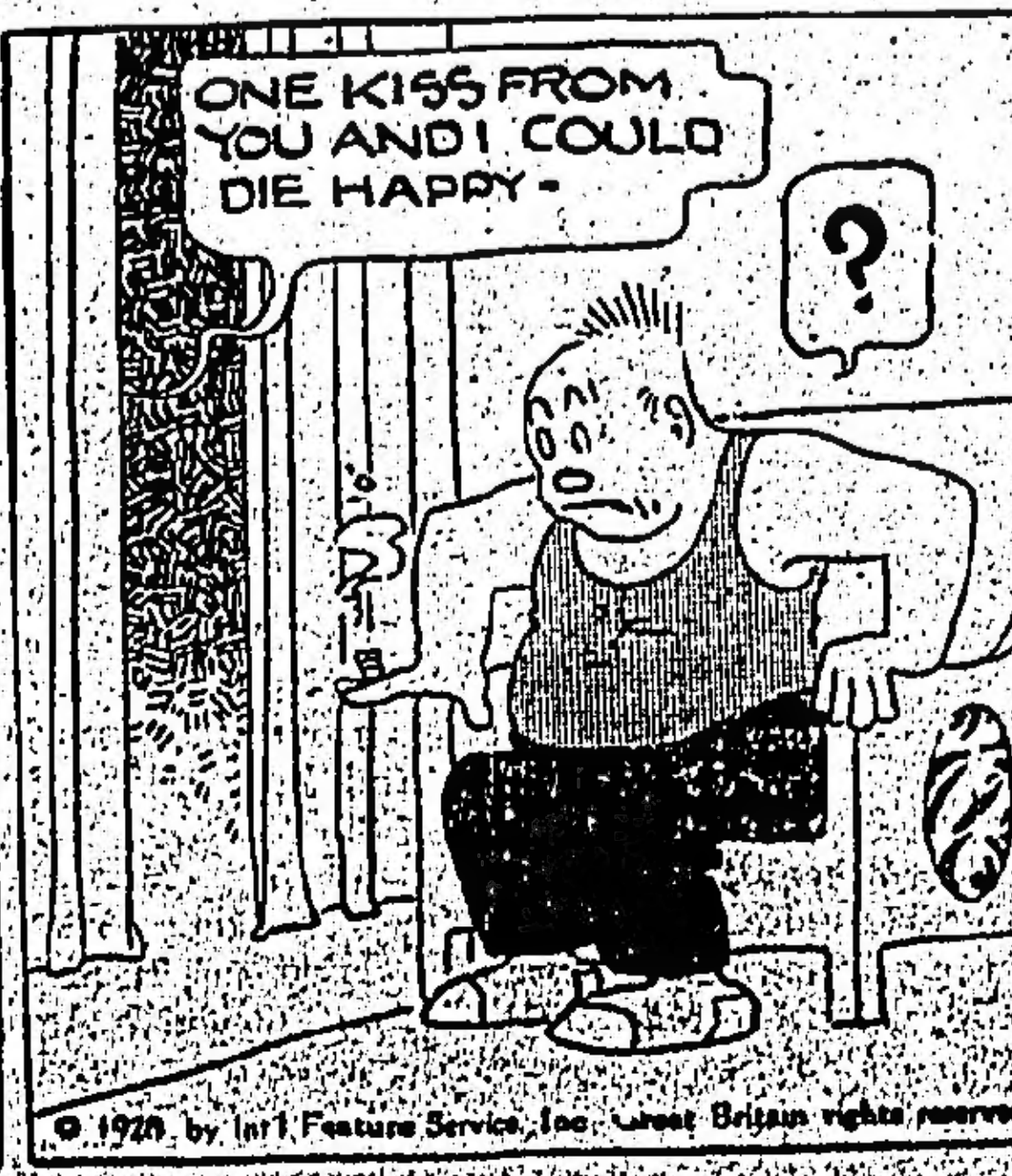
that when the two were offered at auction in 1892 the combined prices (which failed to exceed the reserves) came to only 410gs. Each is of small size, 2 1/2 in. by 2 1/2 in., and the man, John Gawler, K.C., is depicted in his hunting-coat leaning on a table and holding a quill as if prepared to write. This realised 1,250gs, given by Messrs. Anson, who also bought the lady's portrait for 760gs. In 1892 the first was withdrawn at 110gs, and the latter at 800gs. Yet a little calculation in compound interest will prove that the realisation approximates to 410gs. with interest added since 1892.

The years 1892 will always be remembered in sale annals for the great Dudley dispersal which brought close upon \$100,000 on June 25—a collection comparable with the Holford. But 36 years ago the maximum for a picture was only \$11,130, given for Raphael's "Crucifixion," now forming part of the munificent Ludwig Mond bequest to the nation. The highest price for any Reynolds in 1892 was 4,100gs, for his Lady Sondes, much exceeded by the 6,900gs paid in the Londesborough sale for Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen."

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## MUDLARKING!

## OUTSIDER'S DIVIDEND OF \$183.

## INTERESTING RACING.

Favourites had a bad time last Saturday when the first day's events in the Hong Kong Jockey Club's fifth extra race meeting of the season were decided. Rain fell intermittently early in the afternoon but that did not deter the efforts of a few outsiders which entered with zest into the spirit of mudlarking.

There were two odds-on winners in the nine races. One favourite paid more than even and a joint favourite returned exactly even.

The feature of the day was a winning dividend of \$183, paid out on each of thirteen tickets—unlucky number?—on Westlake in the opening event. Three favourites ran, literally, nowhere, one being an ignominious last. Another was second and yet another ran second but he might have been unplaced as far as punters were concerned as the field comprised only three ponies.

Two of the surprise winners were second favourites. The fact that each returned odds of more than three to one is evidence of the element of uncertainty which prevailed on account of the weather. Place dividends exceeded two to one on four occasions although there was no outstanding prize.

Boxing Eve's Victory. Water oozed out each time a hoof was implanted on the turf. But the going was heavy and holding, rather than being slippery. Unless his mount led throughout, each jockey was beset with mud. Times were, of course, slow, but there were a few "hot" first quarters and half miles. In the majority of races, the opening gallop decided the final issue. An experiment to run a few ponies unshod proved unsuccessful.

Boxing Eve won the big race, the Third Aggregate Stakes, doing so in convincing fashion when it had been anticipated that he might be extended. Mr. R. H. Charles showed up to advantage in this event, giving his rivals a clean slip. The "Eve" candidate now has 5 points; San Diego picked up another point and makes his total 7; there will be two more trials during the second half of the season.

Few Pointers to Form. Whether the course improves or not, some thrilling racing is assured to-day, the second day, which will wind up the first half of the extra season. A long trench has been dug parallel with the rails, in both enclosures but it causes no inconvenience. The work will be pushed ahead during the close season.

Not a great deal of information was gleaned from Saturday's form, except that it can be said that one or two ponies did adapt themselves to the conditions where a few others did not. In most of the races, there was always some opposition for the pony with the best reputation so that interest was maintained throughout.

The "Eve" stable claimed two firsts. The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie had a first and second, the latter being Peck, which took part in the most "open" race of the day and lost heroically to New Year's Eve.

Honours Shared Around. The part played by Chinese owners in local flat-racing is emphasised by the number of places gained by them collectively in the eight official events, namely, four firsts, four seconds and three thirds, or just one under half the whole lot.

Mr. T. L. Wong rode two winners and two seconds and remains on top of the jockeys' list with Mr. Charles who had two firsts and one second. Mr. K. H. Chun, the pioneer of the Macao Race Club, rode the surprise Westlake and others to catch the judge's eye included Mr. Clark, Mr. G. U. da Roza and Mr. Proulx. In the polo pony scurry, the official starter, Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson, took his turn at being "told off" but he did not seem to mind as he won rather easily from the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

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Programme.  
The programme of music rendered by the Band of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers was as follows:—  
March, "Entry of the Boyards," Halvorsen.  
Suite of "Three Irish Pictures," Ansell.  
Valse Song, "Can't you hear me say I Love You," Brown.  
Selection, "Up with the Lark," Brahms.  
The Humoresque, Dvorak.  
Selection, "The Street Singer," Simpson.  
Song of the Turkish Hills, "Myrra," Clutsum.  
Selection, "The Lilac Domino," Cuiviller.  
Blue Bonnets O'er the Border, God Save the King.  
Conductor, Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., bandmaster.

1.—Green Island Handicap: "C" class: six furlongs.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. S. W. Cheng's Westlake (late Artistic Hall) 158 lbs. (Mr. Chun) 1  
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Fanling Stag 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2  
Mr. O. Kitchell's Zin 158 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3  
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Nieblung 150 lbs. (Mr. T. L. Wong) 4  
Mr. L. Reidy's Isostacy 158 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 0  
Dr. S. To Wong's Ullswater 158 lbs. (Dr. S. To Wong) 0  
Mr. L. Reidy's Tartar 155 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skipper 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0  
Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades 154 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 0  
Mr. Seth's Harlene 150 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0  
Mr. Yam Man's Copper Mine 153 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0  
Mr. Union's Pook Shau 148 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0  
Mr. M. D. Erskine's Rupert 147 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0  
147 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0  
Time: 1 min. 39.2/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$183.00; Places, 1st \$20.20, 2nd \$6.50, 3rd \$3.40.

Winner Places  
Fanling Stag ..... 268  
Tartar ..... 116  
Zin ..... 93  
Skipper ..... 33  
Duke of Nieblung ..... 20  
Isostacy ..... 15  
Westlake ..... 13  
Pook Shau ..... 7  
Copper Mine ..... 4  
Ace of Spades ..... 4  
Rupert ..... 2  
Ullswater ..... 1  
Harlene ..... 1

Thirteen runners got off to a ragged start and the ultimate winner was by no means well placed. The explanation is that he may have liked the sloppy going while the others did not. Fanling Stag was not disgraced and Zin was game but could not win although in good position with a clear run at the critical moment. Fanling Stag received overwhelming support. Next in demand came Tartar (late Lady Love) who was third in the Derby a few years ago; the mare's rider went out in flame trousers! Zin was also in demand; and Skipper and Duke of Nieblung each carried a little money. Tartar was caught napping badly and was soon out of the fight. Duke of Nieblung got well away but Mr. T. L. Wong made no attempt to crack the pace. Harlene and the favourite soon passed him and covered the first half mile in comparatively good time. Harlene then faded out. Ace of Spades was with the vanguard for a while and then dropped back as well. Zin began to make up leeway with two furlongs to go. Fanling Stag had a gruelling time between the two miles and one mile posts but Westlake, on the outside, had swept past the lot and stayed in front to the end. Fanling Stag stayed off Zin's challenge, the latter clearly beating Duke of Nieblung for place money. Harlene, Skipper and Copper Mine were next. Tartar was in the middle of the ruck passing the winning post.

2.—Green Island Handicap: "B" class: six furlongs.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning 165 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Boukra 162 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 2  
Mr. Teze U's Bright Prospect 148 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Kom Tong Hall 160 lbs. (Mr. T. L. Wong) 4  
Mr. L. Reidy's Tarzan 149 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0  
Mr. Yam Man's May 146 lbs. (Mr. Chun) 0  
Mr. H. T. C.'s Ben Hur 145 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0  
Messrs. Dunbar and Reidy's Tarmacadam 148 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0  
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Nara Stag 144 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0  
1/4 length; 2 lengths.  
Time: 1 min. 37.3/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$13.70; Places, 1st \$7.90, 2nd \$13.70, 3rd \$16.50.

Winner Places  
Sunning ..... 262  
Tarmacadam ..... 161  
Kom Tong Hall ..... 152  
Nara Stag ..... 63  
Ben Hur ..... 43  
Bright Prospect ..... 41  
Boukra ..... 39  
Tarzan ..... 20  
May ..... 19

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Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve 154 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1  
Mr. Three's One Third 154 lbs. (Mr. T. L. Wong) 2  
Mr. L. Reidy's San Diego 153 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 3  
6 lengths; 4 lengths.  
Time: 2 mins. 09.3/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$5.00; Place, 1st \$5.50.

Winner Places  
Boxing Eve ..... 995  
One Third ..... 221  
San Diego ..... 111  
37  
Both Mr. Wong and Mr. Reidy were, to misquote the words of a famous racing man, Mr. G. C. Moxon, caught upright when they should have been bending. Boxing Eve, who was outstanding in the pari-mutuel, had drawn the outside berth. When the flag fell, Mr. Charles was four lengths to the good and in full stride. He continued to crack a rattling pace, finished the first quarter mile in under half a minute, and the half mile in just over the minute. One Third had passed San Diego after less than a furlong, but had lost the advantage of being drawn on the rails. One Third set out to chase Boxing Eve and held his own till the incline where he began to recede. The race became a procession with wide gaps at the last quarter-mile post. Boxing Eve was eased off early. San Diego ran wide in response to an urge to make a bid for second money, with the result that he lost to One Third by four lengths. The verdict of six lengths between the winner and second flattered One Third which proved a disappointment. The last half mile was run in slow time.

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6 lengths; 2 lengths.  
Time: 2 mins. 15.1/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$228.00; Places, 1st \$8.30, 2nd \$10.70, 3rd \$9.90.

Winner Places  
Mowgli ..... 845  
Erstwhile ..... 261  
Chatto ..... 130  
Fair Eyes ..... 57  
Tarzan ..... 22  
Northern Stag ..... 12  
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6.—Polo Pony Scurry: three furlongs.—For bona fide polo ponies approved by the Committee of the Hong Kong Polo Club. To be ridden by playing members of the Hong Kong Polo Club. Catchweights 163 lbs. Entrance \$3. 1st prize: \$200. 2nd prize: \$100. 3rd prize: \$50.

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Nutcracker 168 lbs. (Mr. Dangerfield) 3  
Cumberland 168 lbs. (Mr. C. W. P. Richardson) 4  
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Gibbie ..... 846  
Nugget ..... 806  
Nutcracker ..... 48  
Cumberland ..... 43  
Tommy ..... 28  
Gibbie and Nugget monopolised the betting and, as the race proved, the other three were not in it. The Hon. Mr. Beith, in the famous colours of John Peel—a little faded perhaps—was away first but Mr. Fiddes Wilson soon passed him. Gibbie then led all the way back and won handsomely. Nugget was running on at the close. Nutcracker just beat Cumberland for third place after a good run. Tommy was never in the picture.

7.—Peng Chau Stakes: half a mile.—For China ponies—non-winning subscription griffins of this Club of any season. Unplaced runners allowed 55 lbs. Entrance \$5. Jockey allowance. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100. Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and C. Gordon Mackie's King Constantine 152 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 1  
Mr. C. W. P. Richardson's Movanager 153 lbs. (Mr. Richardson) 2  
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Wine Boy 150 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3  
Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 151 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 4  
Mr. Hosie's The Haugh 152 lbs. (Mr. T. L. Wong) 0  
Major Lake's Southgate (late Liberty Hall) 153 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0  
Mr. A. A. Miller's Tarzali 152 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 0  
Mrs. Pricley's My Toy 155 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0  
1/4 length; 3 lengths.  
Time: 1 min. 05 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$21.90; Places, 1st \$9.30, 2nd \$30.20, 3rd \$13.50.

Winner Places  
The Haugh ..... 821  
King Constantine ..... 264  
Wine Boy ..... 56  
My Toy ..... 39  
Southgate ..... 37  
Movanager ..... 33  
Tarzali ..... 26  
Siang River ..... 9  
The Haugh added to the tale of woe. Starting odds on in the tote, he faded out completely at the distance post. King Constantine, the second favourite, who had moved off best at the start, proved the winner, after a rare tussle with a rank outsider in Movanager. Wine Boy had a little support on the "places" side. My Toy was one of those who began well. This pony was still in the race after the mile post but, for the second meeting in succession, cramp intervened. Mr. Proulx dismounted and the girl had to be unloosed before the pony got up again. The Haugh started poorly but was sent right out and soon had the lead. After the distance post, he began to recede to the field and, at the mile post, had lost any chance of a place. King Constantine had shot up in a few lengths what time Movanager was battling away on the outside. The latter failed by less than a length. Wine Boy improved in the straight to become third, with Siang River a little further behind. Then came The Haugh, Southgate (who had not impressed) and Tarzali.

8.—Beaufort Handicap: "B" class: one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$450. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100. Mr. Moon's Full Moon 154 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1  
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War 154 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 2  
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight 141 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 3  
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 4  
Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship 160 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 0  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Spinner 155 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 0  
Major Lake's As You Like It 154 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0  
Dr. Pierce Grove's Little River 143 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0  
1 length; 3 lengths.  
Time: 2 mins. 54.2/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$14.90; Places, 1st \$7.20, 2nd \$13.70, 3rd \$15.70.

Winner Places  
Tangle ..... 488  
Full Moon ..... 368  
As You Like It ..... 122  
Warlordship ..... 79  
Man of War ..... 59  
Spinner ..... 51  
Grey Knight ..... 47  
Little River ..... 3  
Tangle and Full Moon were joint favourites. The former finished fourth and the latter won. Two outsiders occupied the other places. There was no excuse for Tangle, except that he may not have relished the heavy going. Man of War, Warlordship and Full Moon shared between them the duty of setting the pace. Little River and Spinner brought up the rear and they finished by themselves in the rear. Man of War slowed down a little in the race but came again to provide a thrilling encounter. Full Moon had shaken off the attentions of Warlordship and Man of War had

come into position at the last bend. Up the straight these two ran until Man of War was on terms. Then Full Moon drew away with a final effort which was deservedly applauded. Meanwhile Grey Knight, who had been hot on the heels of Man of War, stayed on to gain third prize. Tangle was far back, fourth. Then came As You Like It, who had flattered to deceive, having rushed up to joint second at the incline. Warlordship was all out next; then came Little River and Spinner.

9.—Beaufort Handicap: "A" class: one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$450. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100. Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve 157 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 1  
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and C. Gordon Mackie's Peck 161 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 2  
Mr. Luen Yick's Fifty Fifty 156 lbs. (Mr. Chun) 3  
2 lengths; many lengths.  
Time: 2 mins. 43.1/5 secs.  
Parimutuel:—Winner \$13.40; Place, 1st \$14.50.

Winner Places  
Peck ..... 843  
New Year's Eve ..... 461  
Fifty Fifty ..... 75  
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New Year's Eve upset the odds on Peck in convincing style. Fifty Fifty, the outsider, looked as though he would have a share in the final gallop, running strongly for a little more than half the distance, but was outclassed after a mile. The other two dashed away from the fall of the flag, running neck and neck. After a quarter of a mile, New Year's Eve dropped back a few lengths. After half a mile, New Year's Eve passed Peck with ease. All the way back to the straight, New Year's Eve was the leader. The gap between him and Peck opened and closed at intervals. Just when it seemed that Peck had been killed by the weight and pace, Mr. Clark sent him up. The crucial moment was at the distance post where New Year's Eve came again and prevented his rival from getting alongside. Neither appeared to be in distress at the winning post and both were still full of fight.

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## A CHINA DIARY.

## Items From A Missionary's Note Book.

## AT WUCHANG COLLEGE.

## Last Year's War Experiences.

Mr. Wm. H. Smith, manager of the Wesleyan Soldiers' Home, whilst home on leave recently, reproduced in a Kentish newspaper interesting extracts from the diaries he kept while engaged in Wesleyan missionary work in various parts of China.

Continuing his story from where we left off in last Saturday's "China Mail" Mr. Smith says:—

Wednesday, September 8.—We heard a few gun shots and machine gun fire early this morning and were told that foreign steamers were passing up river. We got a few hard boiled eggs and biscuits for breakfast and hired a sampan for Huang Shih Kang. Left at 7 a.m. and soon met a Jap steamer going up river. It passed Huangchow without incident. We made good time and were in sight of Huang Shih Kang when we saw two steamers coming down the river, both British. We could not get to Huang Shih Kang in time, so we wondered if by any chance we could get on them direct from our sampan. We tied our handkerchief to a bamboo stick and started signalling "S.O.S. Britishers here." Can you stop for us? We started signalling when the steamer was a good distance off, and after we had sent the message a second time, she altered her course and came straight for us. Our hopes rose high and we gathered our baggage together ready to get on, but instead we had to watch it pass at full speed within a stone's throw, and realised that it had changed its course only to round a point of land. Both steamers were crammed with Chinese passengers and we were concerned to see that they pass Huang Shih Kang, also without stopping. We arrived at Huang Shih Kang about 11 a.m. and went directly to the Wesleyan Street Chapel, sending the boy out to enquire about boats, communications and eatables. He reported that the Jap down boat would stop, but that it was not due until 3 a.m. the next day. No soldiers are here now, but a few southerners came in a few days ago to look round. The northerners have gone, but the people fear bandits. We had just finished our tea when we bought at Wuchang when the Chinese preacher, Mr. Tien came in and made us a welcome offer of a tub. I had mine first, using the chapel as a bathroom. What a different appearance to our chapels at home. Just a rough-looking room, dirty stone floor, and a few wooden forms for the people to sit on.

Warding Off Malaria. Very little about it to denote what it is except the Chinese texts on the walls. Mr. Tien, in the meantime, prepared a meal for us consisting of Chinese pears and biscuits. He also produced a can of Klim, which, he said, his nephew had given him. We were able to instruct him in how to mix it and enjoyed a refreshing drink. Then we made ourselves comfortable on bamboo chairs in the chapel and rested for a couple of hours. I had a touch of the sun, and we are both foot-sore, but are taking quinine to stave off malaria. About 4 p.m. the servant came in to tell us that Mr. Simon (the Rev. A. G. Simon, of Tayeh circuit—one of our mission) had arrived at the Jap steamer office and wanted to see us. We waited to partake of a meal. Mr. Tien had provided for us, and he then came with us to the Jap office. Simon had arrived from Tayeh, en route to Kuling to bring down the ladies to his station. He treated us to some of his stock of food, foreign tea, with milk and sugar, cocoa, etc., and we found some tinned fruit on the street to complete our feast. We fixed ourselves up for the night on benches in the room upstairs. Some small guests were there before us, but we managed to locate them in time and keep clear. It became cloudy in the evening and lightning flashed in different quarters, but we got little rain though a cool breeze sprang up which kept the malarial mosquitoes away, and gave us a comparatively good night.

Thursday, September 9.—Hot again. We were up at daybreak, packed up and looking for the expected Jap boat, but the first to arrive were two coming up river—a Jap and the "Ninghao." The latter came in close and took up some passengers from the lighter. The Jap, on the other hand, kept at full speed on the other side of the river in spite of the signals displayed from the flagpole of the steamer rest office. We took this as an evil omen, but continued to wait, hoping for the best but expecting the worst. Just before 11 three down steamers came in view, one behind the other. The first was a B. & S. freighter, which passed, heedless of the lighter attempting to reach it. We got on the Jap lighter, which worked up against the current,

along the bank for some distance, and at the critical moment pushed out in the swirling waters, only to see the Jap boat, crowded with passengers, stand out a little farther and pass by with unslackened speed. We made a last hopeless attempt to get the Jardine boat, which was the last of the three, but were equally unsuccessful, and came back to land, with the feeling that we had spent a whole day here for nothing. Mr. Simon decided, under the circumstances, to return to Tayeh, so took a sampan for Shih Hui Yao, to get his connection. The students got a sampan going down to Chichow, and Duff and I, with the servant, got on a large sampan with ten other Chinese bound for Wusueh, 180 li (60 miles) distant. We got away about noon with a light following breeze but with some intervals of calm, during which our diminutive boatman whistled for a breeze to come again. His efforts were finally too successful, for some distance below Chichow we struck a brisk head wind, which raised a choppy sea, and gave us a rough passage.

Darkness fell as we passed Fu Ts' K'ao, but we went on tacking back and forth across the Yangtze, while the lights of Wusueh came nearer. The bank was lined with junk and boats, with Northern soldiers in crowds on ship and shore. We entered a small inlet, and after much altercation and cursing among the boatmen, managed to nose our way in among the c'her boats and got to the bank. A couple of tough fellows on our sampan (so we learned afterwards) had their eyes on a leather case I was carrying, thinking it was full of money, but the servant told them casually, unknown to us, that we carried revolvers (of course we didn't), and nothing happened to us. As it was, these fellows ran off without paying the boatman his fare. Neither of us had a light, but by the glimmer of a lantern on shore, we saw sufficient to pull ourselves up the bank with the help of a handhold on an overhanging willow.

A Dead Man. Just where we landed a dead man was laid out on a board with a towel over his face, and his friends were lighting candles and preparing to burn paper money for him. We did not stop to look on as the place was full of soldiers, but following a passer-by with a lantern, we made our way along a rough and narrow street with black water close on one side, until we reached the centre of the town where the streets were familiar to Duff (who had previously stayed here for a year). The main street was barred up for fear of looting soldiers, so we went along a dark narrow alley to the side street, which we followed out towards the mission houses. Our friendly lantern bearer had parted company with us, and except for a passing lantern or weak beams of light, coming out from the cracks of barred doors, the street was quite dark. However, it was familiar ground to Duff, and we got along slowly, though feeling rather shaky due to our long fast. We found the iron gates of the Hsiao Ch'iao Pien compound shut and locked, and the gatekeeper looked at us dubiously and ascertained that we were foreigners before admitting us. Mr. Heady (our Missionary there) heard the noise of our arrival and came out with a lantern, expecting to hear news of looting on the street. He was naturally surprised to see us and gave us a most hearty welcome, while we for our part felt we had reached a haven at last. (Livesly, another of our Missionary was also there). We had a good tuck in while telling our story, after which a bath awaited us, and we went to a proper spring bed, with pyjamas to wear, the first time we had had our clothes off at night for over a week. Wusueh is said to contain over 80,000 troops, Wu Pei-fu's men. Anhwei men and some Kiangsi men.

The latter were here rather to protect their own province from the retreating Northerners than to take any active part in trying to defeat the "Reds." Wu's men have been said to have made an impossible demand on the local merchants here for 600,000 dollars (\$6,000) and the Chairman

of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce here has run away in consequence. Of course it is impossible for them to raise the money. Half a dozen Chinese gunboats and some troop-ships are lying at anchor here.

Friday, September 10.—Up at daybreak from force of habit, and wondering whether we shall get a boat for Kuling to-day. Wrote a letter to Mr. Rowley, our chairman, and went to the hulk at 11 a.m. to wait for down steamers. If we fail we plan to start after tiffin by road for Kuling, as a strong east wind is making it too rough to travel by sampan. At 1 p.m. a Jap boat went in sight and there was a rush from the R. & S. hulk where we were, to the Jap hulk. Nevertheless the steamer passed by in mid-stream at full speed, and many an "Ai-ya" was heard from the waiting Chinese crowd. Pessimistic remarks accompanied the approach of the B. & S. "Poyang" which came along half an hour later. The company's flag flying at the bow gave us hope (this is a signal that they intend to stop), and when just as it appeared to have passed us by, its nose began to come round, our faces broke into smiles and we shook hands with each other feeling more or less like Robinson Crusoe being rescued from a desert island. We gleaned the latest news from the captain and this morning's Hankow paper. Ordered tea, and toast on board in lieu of tiffin, and imagined ourselves arriving in Kuling to-night.

End of Diary.—We reached Kuling all right and walked up the hill, arriving there about 10.30 p.m. Everyone wanted to hear the news. I stayed at Kuling for two weeks and then came down to Hankow again, where I am now staying with the chairman at Wu Shen Miao, the native city about four miles out. I have heard that soldiers at Wesley College have looted Dixon's house, where I live, and have stolen all our clothing, etc. Nine soldiers have been executed for this. I am now left without anything except what I stand up in and winter is coming on. Wuchang is still besieged and news which we have received says that the people are starving. They have eaten all the cats, dogs and rats in the streets, and many are lying dead on the road sides. The aeroplanes of the Southerners have been over the city and caused fearful destruction, and I can only conclude with an appeal for your prayers. China needs Christ to-day more than ever.

The Situation in China. "What is going to happen in China?" This question is constantly being asked to-day by all sorts of people. Business men are wondering how the situation is going to affect industry. The man in the street wonders how soon he may be called to join some regiment en route for Shanghai, whilst the missionary tries to figure out how soon it will be before he can resume his labours, whilst from no one are we able to get any real idea of what is going to take place next. China is a land of changes. What is happening to-day may be reversed to-morrow. I suppose all have seen how General Chiang Kai-shek has suddenly been turned down and Feng Yu-shiang appointed in his place within the last week. When I left China six weeks ago Chiang was their idol—now he goes because he does not please them. That is China. Ever changing.

The Province of Hupeh is situated between the provinces of Honan in the North and Hunan in the South. Wuchang—that old, old city, lies six hundred miles up the River Yangtze, practically in the heart of Hupeh. The population of Hupeh is over 35 millions, and in size it is considerably larger than England and Wales put together, or more than six times the size of Belgium. But I would say that all statistics relating to the population of China, or any part of it, require to be taken with a great deal of reserve, as there is really no satisfactory way of computing the actual numbers of the people with anything like accuracy. In all parts the population is very unevenly distributed, and in the large cities like Wuchang and Hankow great numbers of people are contained in very limited areas. It was in these two cities that I had the privilege to work for about 12 months before finding myself on a river boat bound for Shanghai as a refugee.

The People. I worked in Wesley College for most of my time in Wuchang. It is a very fine missionary college, situated about 400 yards or so outside the great city wall. It is an interesting, but long, walk from the river, taking one through the winding streets and alleys, past the little shops and occasional temples, on past the Government buildings (where the Southerners have installed their Government), down through a narrow market street, on past the barracks, where hundreds of Chinese soldiers are quar-

tered, before one reaches the city gates. It is not very far from the gates of the city to our school, but we are outside the city, and when at night the gates are closed, we are left alone with the many country folk who live round and near to the school. As one travels about the country so one finds the people show differences of temperament.

Great Poverty. In the South there are considerable variations in dialect. Everywhere there are signs of great poverty amongst the peasantry, and at times when the crops fail, the distress is very great. In these places where the opium habit is still common, poverty is seen in its most intense form and a general air of dilapidation and decay characterises whole communities and even the houses the people occupy. Most of the people who live outside the cities spend their days in the fields. Practically every house has its little plot of ground somewhere in the neighbourhood and the men (and most of the women) spend their time in cultivating it. I was struck by the careful and neat way in which the people attended to their land. They certainly do not carry the neatness into their homes. If there is no rain there is famine, although the mighty Yangtze is only a mile or so away. There is no means of irrigation and any water which is needed for the ground has to be carried by bucket, unless the farmer has been able to sink a well, and I did not see any in or round about Wuchang. A large percentage of the Chinese are coolies. They spend their days on the streets with rickshaws, or if they are not able to do that one finds them carrying loads from the early hours of the morning until late at night. It is surprising too, the weight that one man will carry so that he can get more money. If he did not carry it at all it would mean two men and he knows that in that case the money would have to be shared. They therefore often try to do the impossible. Inside the city one finds all kinds of trades. Little shops, which look more like stables, with living and sleeping accommodation crowded into an area of about 10 feet square with chickens and pigs enjoying the companionship of perhaps ten to a dozen people, abound everywhere. There are tin smiths, undertakers, richa makers, coal merchants, butchers, green grocers, fortune tellers, pawn shops, all huddled together, and it is not an uncommon thing to find that one man will have a hand in several of these trades. Many young boys are employed in the shops, and it is not an uncommon sight to see youngsters of from 12 to 14 years of age doing a man's work. The pay is of course very small. A Chinese will live on three dollars a month (about 7s.), but in far too many cases they have to do with much less. The streets are thronged with beggars, most of them absolutely blind. The people one meets in the street seem very unhealthy. I think I should be speaking quite truly to say there is hardly one person in twenty who has not some complaint. Consumption is very common, and in the summer fevers take off a large number of the people, whilst in September, when cholera rages, thousands and thousands die all over the land. Many of the people, in fact, most of them, cannot read.

THE Y.M.C.A. BATHING AND BILLIARDS ACTIVITIES. THE QUIET HOUR. We are suffering from a spell of unfavourable weather at present, and arrangements are apt to be altered at the last moment. Next Saturday, leaving Kowloon at 8 p.m. and Hong Kong at 8.15, the first moonlight picnic will take place at Island Bay, wind and weather permitting. (This is always understood during the rainy season!) Tickets, limited to seventy, are to be purchased beforehand. Service Men's Billiards Knock-out Tournament. Saturday was the final day for sending in applications to join this tournament, and during the week official intimations will be sent to the teams concerned. A list of rules governing the competition has been drawn up, and printed here for the benefit of those concerned.

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Shanghai has her history and her many citizens who dwell upon their memories of the past, but, like all other places in this world, she is being hurried along with the tide of modern thoughts. Her stories of old times are being steadily obliterated and, as the old hands, one by one, disappear forever, more and more of her unrecorded yarns and events pass forever beyond the knowledge of the residents of to-day. Her few signs of age, here a scrap of building, there a relic of some former possession, all are disappearing, torn down to make way for new ideas; and the histories of those few remains of old times, that are yet to be found, are hazy in the bustle of modern times, and for the most part unthought of.

Yet people in Shanghai are still glad when they come upon some aged piece, not swept away by the times, dating back many years, and bearing every appearance of its age. Though they may be hardened wage-earners, yet they doubtless take pleasure in conjuring up, as they can picture it, who never knew it, the life of Shanghai 50 years ago.

Ignored by the Casual Ones. And thus it is that an old naval long boat, resting in a corner of the Cathedral compound, on one end, where the walls of the old Deanery join the high wall bounding the enclosure, is once more brought to light, and is of interest. The boat has stood in that position now for over 12 years; leaves and dirt have silted into it; the dust of the city is on it; and, knowing nothing, passers-by have seen but never noticed it, beyond perhaps a fleeting wonder.

But be the matter known, in this unpretentious relic, there is a real link with the Shanghai that was a link with the "good old days." For the first known date in connection with it goes all the way back to the days of 1879 when it was discarded by H.M. Navy, presumably too old for further service. It belonged to one of the squadron stationed here. It may have been to H.M.S. "Iron Duke," H.M.S. "Albatross," H.M.S. "Mosquito," or any of those ships at Shanghai, then, and one can imagine it on a summer day bobbing across the water, rowed by the sailors, no pinnaces and launches being available. The

passengers would disembark at one of the numerous little jetties with wooden steps and cross the strip of mud flat whereon upturned sampans, and small sailing craft of every kind were lying while the Chinese carpenters busied themselves with their repair. Past the sheds of these workers the passenger would find the Bund, or Yangtszepoo-road, probably practically empty save for a few coolies with their rickshas, and maybe a carriage or so. But not a sign would there be of the vast surge of traffic that now hurries along.

Presented to Bishop Moule. Having made its last trip from ship to jetty and jetty to ship, deemed unfit by the Navy, the long boat was presented to Bishop Moule, then with the C.M.S. at Hangchow. And then not having much use for it the new owner passed it on to the late Dean Symons at Ningpo, who, when he left, brought it with him to Shanghai and had it placed in the Whangpoo.

Thus, once more in the river, it saw many more years of active life, the late Dean and his two sons making frequent use of it. In 1915, however, the Dean's two sons both left to go to the War and the old boat was taken from the river and was placed in this corner of the Cathedral compound.

And here it has since remained untouched. But it will have to be moved when the old Deanery is pulled down to make room for the new. But who knows how long, how many more years, it may yet be in existence, a relic of past days? Its timbers, though cracked with heat and lack of water, are sound, and in all probability the next generation will rediscover it, as we have done to-day and question where it came from and whom it carried.

Four members of the staff of the Tavistock Hotel, Covent Garden, who have received bequests under the will of Mr. Robert Alexander Mather, of Crystal Palace Park-road, Sydenham, have spent practically the whole of their lives at the hotel. Mr. Mather, who left £18,668, gave £750 to be apportioned among the four members as follows:—£400 to the housekeeper, Florence A. Thompson; £200 to the chambermaid, Blanche Blyth; £100 to the head waiter, Alfred Coles; and £50 to the head porter, Leonard Fisher. The Tavistock Hotel, formerly known as the "Bachelors' Paradise," because no women were allowed there as guests, has been closed preparatory to its sale.

## VALUABLE BOOKS.

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BOW STREET CASE.

At Bow-street, Charles Simpkins, 39, art dealer, of Beaconsfield-avenue, Chadwell Heath, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing eight books and 19 prints, valued at £589, the property of Mr. Walter Thomas Spencer, bookseller, of New Oxford-street, W.C.

It was stated that the defendant had for some time been in the habit of making small purchases at Mr. Spencer's establishment, and having in that way gained confidence he was allowed access to a room in which valuable documents were kept. Later, suspicion having been aroused, watch was kept by detectives who saw him leave the shop with a book worth £150 under his coat. Upon being arrested he produced several old prints which were concealed about him and gave information which led to the recovery of other property he had stolen previously. Detective Barnes proved previous convictions against the defendant, who, he said, had been betting very extensively.

After being sentenced Simpkins was called as a witness against Charles Silverman, antique dealer, of Lorrimer-road, Camberwell-green, who was charged with receiving some of the property, knowing it to have been stolen. Simpkins stated that he had known Silverman for two years and at one time employed him as a traveller. He gave him some of the stolen books, and received from him altogether between £16 and £20. Silverman knew where the books came from and that they were stolen.

Evidence was given by dealers who had purchased books from Silverman. In one case, it was stated, £8 was given for a book on "Swiss Costumes," for which Mr. Spencer had paid £220 at auction and the selling price of which was £235. A representative of the firm said he had no idea at the time of the value of the book. The magistrate remarked that either these people did not know their business or they paid £8 for a book which they knew to be worth considerably more. Silverman, who declared that he did not know the books had been stolen, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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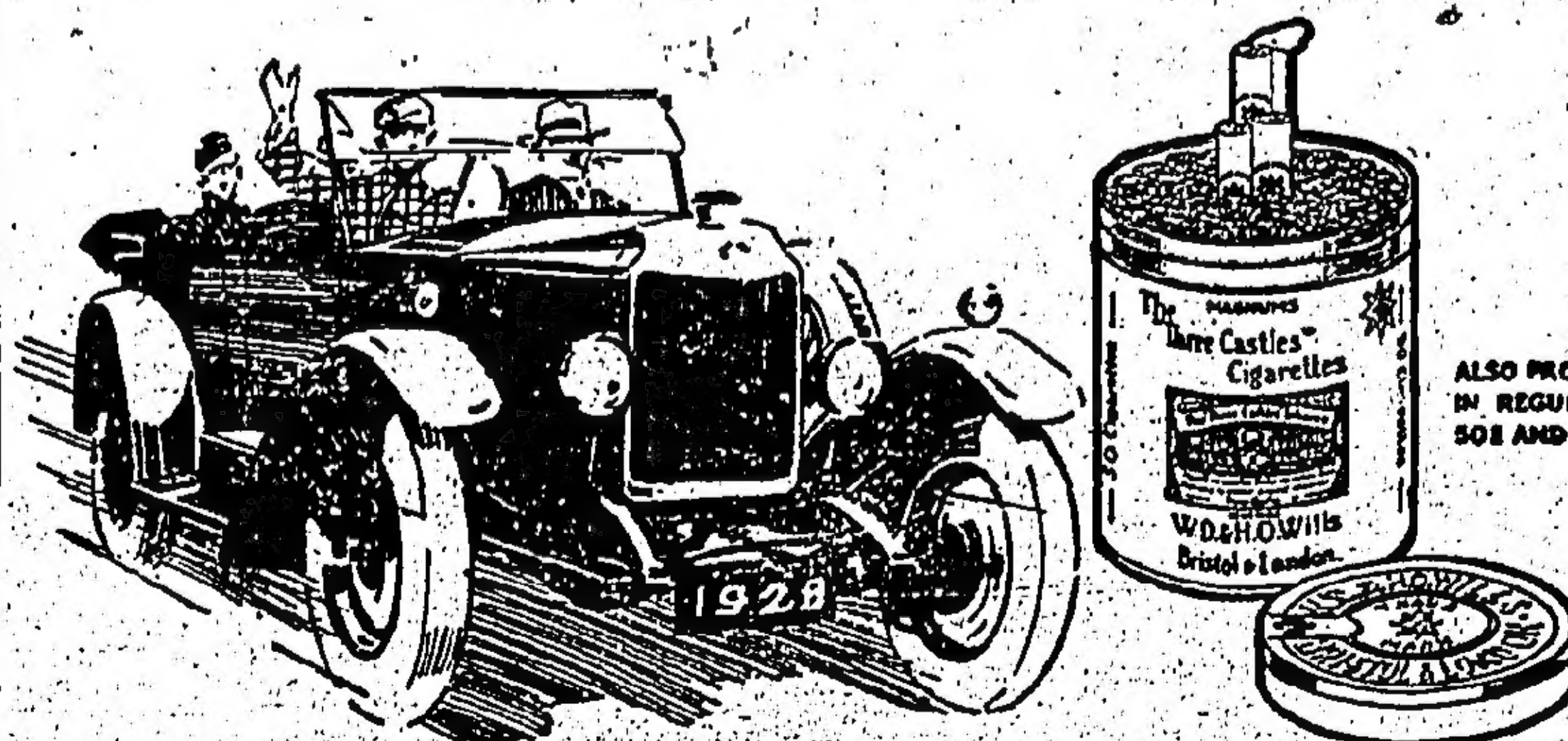
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MONDAY, MAY 28.		
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TUESDAY, MAY 29.		
Shanghai and Amoy	.....	Linnan
Straits	.....	Tilawa
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.		
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FRIDAY, JUNE 1.		
Japan and Shanghai	.....	Hakusan Maru
Europe via Negapatam (letters only London, 3rd May)	.....	Nam Sang
MONDAY, JUNE 4.		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	.....	Empress of Canada
Australia and Manila	.....	St. Albans
TUESDAY, JUNE 5.		
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MONDAY, MAY 28.		
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	.....	Hai Hong 2 p.m.
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Rugby. Yesterday. The holiday traffic, which began yesterday, was exceptionally heavy to-day when fine warm weather set in following a prolonged sunless and rainy period. On the railways many trains ran in duplicate.

A feature of yesterday's traffic was the large number of Continental bookings. While the vast majority used the steamer services, many travelled by air and the entire fleet of the Imperial Airways was brought into use to accommodate the passengers. Forty air liners of various nationalities were required at Croydon in addition to cope with the continental traffic.—British Wireless Service.

## THE QUEEN'S

HONOUR THE MEMORY OF FORMER COMRADES.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday, the Officers and men of the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment, at present stationed in Hong Kong, honoured the memory of two Officers and 25 other ranks of the second, Queen's Royal Regiment who died whilst on active service in China in 1860.

A memorial tablet which was erected in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral was unveiled by Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., who was connected with the Queen's Regiment during the Great War.

The tablet, which was dedicated by the Rev. S. Llewellyn Webb, Senior Chaplain of the Forces, bears the following inscription, which was read out by Lieut.-Col. Hayley Bell:—

"To the memory of two officers and twenty-five other ranks of the Second, Queen's Royal Regiment, who died on active service in China in 1860. Erected by all Ranks 1st Queen's Royal Regiment whilst serving in China 1927-28."

The ceremony was attended by a detachment of 450 men of the Regiment, with Officers and N.C.O.'s, whilst 120 men with Officers and N.C.O.'s of the 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers were also present.

### Military Choir.

The service was led by a military choir, and music was supplied by the Band of the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment.

The Very Rev. Dean A. Swann also took part in the service and gave an address.

After the hymn "Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love" had been sung, a prayer was said, after which Lieut.-Col. Boyd, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment read a lesson from Revelation, and then the Clergy and Officers of the Regiment gathered in the Lady Chapel where Lieut.-Col. Boyd asked Lieut.-Col. Bayley Bell to unveil the tablet which was covered with a Union Jack.

Following the unveiling of the tablet came The Grace and "The Call to Arms is Sounding," during which the Clergy and Officers returned to their places.

The service was concluded with "O God Our Help in Ages Past," after which the men filed past the tablet on their way out of the Cathedral.

### The Dean's Address.

In his address to the congregation, the Dean said he welcomed those present because they desired that the Cathedral should become increasingly the House of Memorial to those departed and one of inspiration to people of the present day. They had gathered in honour of those men who died on active service in China nearly 60 years ago. A cynic might suppose that the passing of merely two or more generations might be effective in destroying any tie which the present troops of the Queen's Regiment might have had with those who died 60 years ago.

Their attendance that morning showed that the dead were not forgotten nor out of mind. It was

## A NEW PACT.

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The pact consists of nine articles and one protocol. Eternal peace is declared by each country and each is granted the most favoured nation treatment. There is no question of a military alliance, but Turkey undertakes to send Afghanistan military, legal and scientific experts.

Hikmet Bey, Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Republic, is to be the first Ambassador at Kabul.—Reuter.

quite possible that none of the men they were honouring were known to them by name. There were no individual ties to bind them, but yet they wished to show that they remembered and had placed the fact on record in the Cathedral.

### Bond of Common Membership.

What was this powerful bond of common membership and common fellowship of regiments in the British Army? It was, he continued, esprit de corps which bound them together. That bond was not broken by the passing of 60 years. "These men are your brothers and owed the same allegiance to their country as you do. They bore the same name that belongs to most of you. Duty took them away from their homes and sent them across the face of the earth as it has sent you, and no doubt they felt the same feelings of loneliness and home-sickness that, very likely, you have some times felt. They may have suffered hardships not altogether unknown to you. That only serves to increase the bond of sympathy. They, no doubt, were proud of their regiment just as you are and did their best to keep its reputation high and honourable as you will."

### Esprit de Corps.

Esprit de corps was a powerful force and it was that which brought them together on that occasion. Why, asked the speaker, was that spirit strong enough to bridge the gap of death and time? Surely it was the impulse of their highest nature and feelings, that part which was superior to death and time. It was the soul of man. Human life was incomplete unless it was spent in fellowship, and it was strongest when men had a common ideal.

The Dean reminded those present that the day was Whit-Sunday and that on the first Whit-Sunday the Church was begun when about 3,000 people formed themselves into the greatest brotherhood ever seen. In the Church they found satisfaction of their craving for fellowship. All the members had a common ideal and owed a common allegiance. As members of regiments of armies were bound together by duty and loyalty, so were members of the Christian Church. A soldier served his country as personified by the King, while the true Christian lived and served the world as typified by Jesus Christ. The Christian Church in spite of its difficulties would last as long as the world.

### The Right Spirit.

As long as esprit de corps was strong in a regiment, that regiment would be healthy and strong. Also as long as that spirit was allowed to be strong in the minds of members of the Church, the Church would be healthy. Just as their esprit de corps reminded them of their brothers who, many years ago, died in the service of their country, so they of the Christian Church remembered many men and women who worked and died for Jesus Christ.

The Dean concluded: "Let us pray that He will make us soldiers in His cause and braver in His fight, that we may be loyal and help to make our country a happy and lovely country, happy in His praise and lovely in His sight."

## SERIO-COMIC.

Chinese General's Side Show.

THE TRIUMVIRATE.

A Little War Game Along the Railway Line.

Hankow, May 18. A serio-comic sideshow in the Chinese internecine warfare is being played along the southern portion of the Peking-Hankow railway, and much of the success of the entire Nationalist campaign will depend upon the outcome of this performance.

The sideshow is being staged by a triumvirate of generals. They are Hu Tsung-tu, Feng Yu-hsiang, and Fan Tsung-shui. While General Chiang Kai-shek was marching his warrior hordes toward Peking, Generals Feng and Fan were having a little flare-up of their own behind the lines, to which General Hu is contributing.

The erstwhile Christian General recalling his own dramatic turn against Marshal Chang Tso-lin, which for a time gave Feng the city of Peking and the nominal rule of China, and also recalling that a very similar dramatic turn by General Fan sent General Wu Pei-fu, skidding down the ropes into past history, is taking no chances that Fan repeat on him.

Hankow, however, a faction all by itself, does not feel very comfortable with either Feng or Fan in the proximity, and as soon as the Feng-Fan dispute broke open into open conflict, sent soldiers from Hankow with orders to settle the quarrel. The Hankow faction was careful to avoid, however, telling their soldiers whether they were to support either Feng or Fan. "We'd feel better if they both cleared out," declared a leading Hankow official on the day the troops were sent.

Feng is attempting to shove toward Peking himself, but in his rear about Kungshien and Loyang, Fan is stationed. Militarists here agree that Fan has more men than Feng. The number of Fan's troops was set at above 100,000 nearer 200,000 by leading Hankow authority.—United Press.

## MALARIA EXPERT?

DR. KOCH RETURNS TO ATTACK.

SANITARY BOARD.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board Dr. Koch will ask whether a malaria expert is to be engaged to investigate the local situation as regards the prevalence of that disease and to suggest measures for its suppression.

The following are Dr. Koch's questions:—

(a) Can the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether it is intended to engage the services of a Malaria Expert to investigate and report on the prevalence of Malaria in the Colony, and New Territories, and to suggest means for dealing with it?

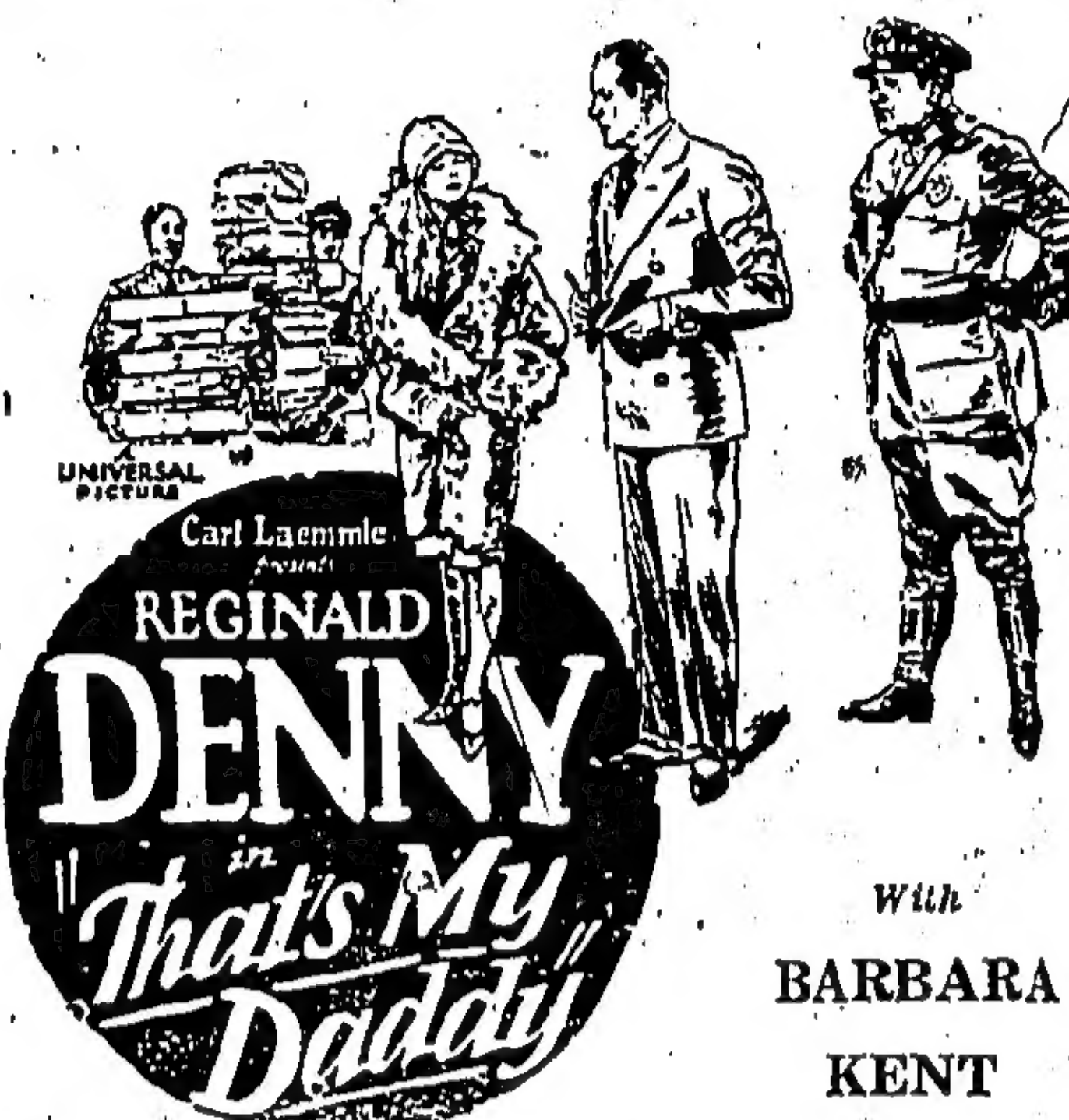
(b) Is the engagement of such officer to be of a temporary nature, or is he to be attached to the Medical Department permanently and seconded for this particular work?

"Can the Head of the Sanitary Department ascertain in how many Schools, Government Grant-in-aid and Vernacular, the subject of Hygiene is taught; what proportion do these bear to the total number of schools; is stress laid upon the application of Hygiene to local conditions; and is any test practical or written applied to ascertain the results of such instruction periodically during the year?"

Testimony of Elly Widler, Swiss subject charged with armed highway robbery in the Swiss Consular Court, Shanghai, has been concluded, as has also the testimony of the Chinese complainant in the case. The date of trial, however, has not yet been set by the Swiss Consul-General, Major J. L. Isler. The Chinese charges that Widler robbed him of \$6,000 at the point of a gun.

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